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TEN DAYS OF COURT

ADJOURNED TERM TO BE HELD COMMENCING THURSDAY.

BIG CASES TO BE TRIED

James Lane and Charles Robinet to Answer to Grave Charges—Police Judge Muddle to Be Cleared.

A special term of circuit court will be called Thursday with Judge W. C. Ellison on the bench. The term is to last ten days, and all cases left over from the November term will be disposed of at this time.

On Thursday two important criminal cases are to come up. James Lane, who is charged with assault with intent to kill, and Charles Robinett, charged with carnal knowledge, are set for tomorrow. Next Wednesday two automobile cases will come up. They are A. O. Mason and Charles Moore, charged with speeding in the city. These cases were tried in the city and the defendants fined, but they took an appeal to the circuit court.

On Thursday, December 19, the divorce case of James A. Glover vs. Minnie Glover is to come up. Also on this day many cases against Joseph Younger and the Elmo Improvement compayn are scheduled.

Friday, December 20, the case of Judge J. W. Morris against the city will be disposed of. Mr. Morris claims he was legally elected police judge at the last city election, and that the city should issue him his commission.

Nearly all of the cases that will come up at this term will be jury cases.

SUES FOR DIVORCE.

Mrs. J. M. Edwards of Clearmont Claimed Abandonment and Non-Support.

A divorce suit was filed Wednesday by Attorney George Pat Wright for Mrs. Eva A. Edwards against James M. Edwards. They were married in this county May 5, 1890, and lived together until March, 1909, when, according to the petition, the defendant abandoned the plaintiff and has refused and failed to support her. The petition also alleges that defendant frequently abused the plaintiff. A decree of divorce and the custody of one child, Emma, aged 11, is asked for.

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DISCUSSED MANY THINGS.

Club in Favor of Telephone Merger, the White Way, and Want a May Festival Here.

At the regular meeting of the Commercial club held Tuesday evening at the club rooms, a large number of members were present to attend the club dinner and also the business session. The affair was a "looking forward" meeting.

Each member present at the club was called upon to talk a few minutes on what the club should do in the next year.

The telephone merger of the Bell company by the Hanamo company was approved by the club. On the petition circulated among the subscribers of both phones 650 have signed and are in favor of the merger.

Prof. Landon spoke of a May festival concert that Maryville should have next year. A committee will be appointed soon to look into this matter.

The Polk township bond issue was talked of and the club is in favor of the issue. Many arguments were presented why the bond issue should carry. The agricultural association was praised for the work they had done, and also for the work being done to have good roads in Polk.

The proposed white way for Maryville was talked of by many members, and it was the unanimous opinion that the city should have one.

TUORNAMENT ENDS IN TIE.

M.-L's and Toggeries Finish First in Normal Basket Ball Tournament.

When the Toggeries defeated the Berney Harris team Tuesday evening in the final game of the school tournament they crept up into a tie for first place with the Montgomery-Lyles. Both the leading teams have won 10 and lost 4 games, which gives them a percentage of .714.

A game will be played some time this week between the two top-notchers to decide the champions of the tournament.

In the second game Tuesday evening the Bee Hives won from the Bull Mooses by a count of 11 to 8. A great deal of the credit for the victory is due Capt. McClintock, who was sufficiently recovered from his injury to participate in the final game. The win pulled the Hives out of the cellar—that is, they are not alone now, as the Berney Harris five are sharing are underground championship with the shoe men. Here's the final standing of the teams:

	Won.	Lost.	Pr.ct
Montgomery-Lyles	10	4	.714
Toggeries	10	4	.714
Bull Mooses	7	7	.500
Montgomery Shoe Co.	6	8	.428
Berney Harrises	4	8	.333
Bee Hives	4	8	.333

FIRE WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Four Rooms of the Residence of Mrs. Cora Trullinger, on South Fillmore Caught Fire.

The eight-room residence of Mrs. Cora Trullinger, on South Fillmore street, was discovered on fire Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock by neighbors. Before the fire department arrived the fire had gained such headway that only two of the four rooms in flames could be saved. The kitchen and dining room with contents burned completely, while the living room and one bed room were badly burned on the interior, and the roof on each room burned off. The furniture from these two rooms was saved by being removed to the other portion of the house.

It is not know how the fire started, but it is supposed to have started in the kitchen. Mrs. Trullinger, who is engaged in business with her brother, Charles Childress of the Childress department store, came down town about 8:30 o'clock, and three students, Misses Helen and Mildred Walmsley and George Walmsley, who had rooms with her, left the house for school about 8 o'clock, and everything was all right at that time so far as they knew.

Mrs. Trullinger was unable to estimate her loss Wednesday afternoon. She carried an insurance policy of $500 on the house.

Married by Rev. Cox.

A marriage license was issued Wednesday to Otto Blake and Nora Harmon of Graham. They were married in Maryville this afternoon at the Linville hotel by Rev. G. A. Cox.

Mrs. Hannah Garten, who has been visiting for several weeks with the families of E. H. and G. P. Bainum and Shell and Art Garten, went to Pickering Wednesday to visit Stant Garten and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nicholas of Burlington Junction were in Maryville on business Wednesday.

DISTRICT TOO BIG

FRIENDS OF JUDGE ELLISON SAY HE HAS TOO MUCH WORK.

TO CHANGE BOUNDARIES

Movement Looking to Redistricting Judicial Circuits Started—Add Another County to Buchanan.

A movement has been started looking to the reorganization of several of the judicial circuits of Northwest Missouri, and the sixth circuit (Buchanan county) promises to be affected by a bill to be introduced in the legislature this winter by friends of Judge W. C. Ellison of Maryville, judge of the fourth district, who contend that his territory is too large and that he has more work than he can do, says the St. Joseph News-Press.

Judge Ellison's circuit embraces Nodaway, Gentry, Worth, Atchison and Holt counties. The fifth circuit (Judge A. D. Burnes of Platte City) comprises Platte, Clinton, DeKalb and Andrew counties. Buchanan county alone comprises the sixth circuit. One of the plans of reorganization is to increase the sixth circuit by the addition of Platte county, to include Nodaway, Gentry and Worth counties in one district, say the fourth, and to let Atchison, Holt, Andrew, Clinton and DeKalb counties comprise the fifth circuit.

Advocates of this project argue that it should meet the approval of Buchanan county, since it would enable the addition of a third division of the circuit court at St. Joseph without straining a point. There is hardly enough business there now, they contend, to warrant a third division, but with Platte county added there would be no question as to the need of another division. The congestion of Judge Ellison's district would then be relieved and the fifth district, which now bounds Buchanan county on three sides, would be more compact and all parts of it more readily accessible.

It is pointed out that some thirty years ago Buchanan and DeKalb counties were in a circuit to themselves, which furnishes a precdent for the proposed change. Another argument, which, it is thought will appeal to the Democrats, is that, with the addition of Platte, with its 2,500 normal Democratic majority, the sixth circuit would be made overwhelmingly Democratic, and so would not be expected to go Republican even in landslide years, like that of 1904.

Judge Burnes' district, however (the fifth), might not fare so well under this arrangement, since Andrew and Holt counties are normally Republican, and Atchison is about a standoff. Platte county, with its strong Democratic majority, usually could be counted on to overcome the Republican lead in Andrew; while in Judge Ellison's district the Republican majorities of Atchison and Holt nearly always were absorbed by the big Democratic vote of Nodaway, Gentry and Worth. However, supporters of the bill contend that there must be a change, since Judge Burnes' district is as much too small as Judge Ellison's is too large. And Buchanan county is counted on to acquiesce in the interest of the third division.

Short Funeral Services Held.

A short and impressive funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon at Price & McNeal's undertaking parlors over the body of Mrs. Abby McGeehee, who died Monday night at her home, on East Second street. The body was shipped Tuesday afternoon to Hannibal, Mo., where the funeral will be held Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. R. Carter, pastor of the A. M. E. church of this city.

Mrs. Sarah Wilson of Guilford came to Maryville Wednesday to visit her daughter, Miss Rose Wilson.

Mrs. A. Sowder of Pickering was a Maryville business visitor Wednesday.

EVERYONE PLEASED

LONGWORTH'S FAMILY REUNITED AS RESULT OF ELECTION.

20,000 MORE JOBS SAVED

Navy Department Employes on Civil Service List—Hadley Takes Kindly to Idea of Being Moses.

(By W. C. Van Cleve.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—The present session of congress will mark the final disintegration of an old and distinguished family. It is like the last hours of a home circle communing about the open hearth before the breaking up.

Many of the Republican notables were swept out in the Democratic landslide of two years ago, and most of those remaining are scheduled to go with the close of the present congress. The familiar face of Uncle Joe Cannon, for instance, will no longer be seen in the capitol corridors.

When General Bingham of Philadelphia died last summer Uncle Joe became patriarch of the flock because of his thirty-six years of congressional service, and no man will be so generally missed. He enjoys a great personal popularity. A few years ago when, as speaker, he ruled the house with an iron heel, he was denounced ac a czar and a despot and several more things, most of which he admitted, but he made bold to say that his was a party and not a personal despotism. When the fight against his authority raged about him in tumult, he calmly announced that he was simply the exponent of a party principle and the agent of a party clothed with authority to execute its will. He defied his critics on the floor of the house with the statement that, as the creature of the house, he could be unhorsed and relieved of power in ten minutes whenever the membership so willed. The membership at that time did not so will, but the voters of the country caught the idea and Mr. Speaker Cannon lost his gavel and became merely "the gentleman from Illinois," a high private in a small minority. His quaint humor, his blunt candor and his many sterling qualities have secured for him, in spite of it all, a degree of personal popularity enjoyed by few.

The Honorable Nicholas Longworth of Ohio is, for obvious reasons, another conspicuous character who has been called back to private life. He is conspicuous personally because he has perhaps more vacant space on the top of his head than any member of the house, and was chosen a year ago to represent the bald heads in a debate on the desirability of hair. He first attracted general attention when he married Miss Alice Roosevelt, she of the cut glass heeled slippers and various distinguishing idiosyncrasies, and became the son-in-law of a president. His greatest struggle has been to outgrow that simple distinction and show himself to be a man on his own account. It may be said to his credit that he has succeeded, though that fact cost him his seat in congress. Longworth is another good natured fellow and he takes his defeat in good humor. He says that, in fact, he has more reasons than ever to be satisfied and happy. He was in a most trying position during the campaign. He desired to be regular and took no part against Taft. His father-in-law had a Bull Moose candidate brought out against him. His mother was strong for Taft, his wife was for her father, Roosevelt, and the utmost diplomacy was necessary to prevent a general dissolution of family ties. He says he is glad Taft was defeated, because that pleased his wife; he is glad Roosevelt was defeated, because that pleased his mother, and his own defeat pleased his father-in-law, and family fellowship is once more restored.

Then there is the long-haired, bigboned Sulloway of New Hampshire. He

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ELECTED OFFICERS.

Medical Society Selected Dr. Wm. Wallis, Jr., as President—Dr. Bell to State Medical Meeting.

At a meeting of the Nodaway County Medical society, held Tuesday afternoon at the Elks club, Dr. Wm. Wallis, Jr., was elected president. The other officers selected were: Dr. F. M. Ryan, vice president, and Dr. A. T. Fisher, secretary. Dr. C. T. Bell was selected as the society delegate to the state medical meeting to be held in St. Louis next May.

BIRTHS EXCEED DEATHS.

Report Issued by Bureau of Vital Statistics for Nodaway County for July, August and September.

According to the report by the bureau of vital statistics for the months of July, August and September of this year, there were 185 births in Nodaway county and 75 deaths. July had only 14 deaths in the county, August 33 and September 28. In July there were 54 births, August 68 and September 63. Diseases of the nervous system were the causes of most of the deaths. There were eight deaths from cancer.

The following record gives the cause and the number of deaths during the quarter for this county:

Typhoid fever, 1; whooping cough, 1; tuberculosis of the lungs, 4; cancer, 8; diabetes, 1; diseases of the nervous system, 6; diseases of heart and circulatory system, 15; pneumonia (broncho-pneumonia, 1; diarrhoea and enteritis (under 2 years of age), 3; acute nephritis and Bright's disease, 10; accidents, 4; suicides, 1; other causes, 20. Total, 75.

POULTRY SHOW NEXT WEEK.

A Large Number of Birds to Be Exhibited and Show Will Be Biggest in Years.

The annual poultry show will be held in Maryville, commencing next Tuesday and lasting the rest of the week. It is not definitely decided where the show will be held, but arrangements are being made to secure the old Maryville Mercantile store rooms for the show.

The poultry show will be the biggest yet given here. A large number have promised that they would exhibit many fine pens.

Three grand trial birds are to be given away during the show. With each paid admission a number will be given, and on Friday night the lucky two numbers will be drawn and they will be given two trial Buff Wyandottes, presented by J. H. Sayler and W. H. Crawford. On Saturday another drawing will be had, and the lucky one will secure a trial Buff Plymouth Rock, offered by Fred P. Robinson.

The admission to the show is 10 cents, and a season ticket can be had for 25 cents.

STRONG SCHEDULE ARRANGED.

Normal Basket Ball Five Has Some Stiff Games to Play in Season Opening Friday Night.

Athletic Director V. I. Moore of the Normal has arranged a strong schedule for the 1912-13 basket ball season. The initial game for the green and white comes next Friday night, when they meet the strong Christian Brothers' college team of St. Joseph on the local floor. The school tournament, which closed Tuesday night, has put the squad in excellent condition for the strenuous season, and now the men are working out daily to perfect their team work. The season's schedule follows:

December 13, Christian Brothers' college at Maryville.

December 20, Tarkio college at Tarkio.

January 3, open.

January 10, St. Joseph Central high school at St. Joseph.

January 11, Christian Brothers' college at St. Joseph.

January 17, Missouri Wesleyan college at Cameron.

January 24, Missouri Wesleyan college at Maryville.

January 25, Benton high school at St. Joseph.

February 1, William Jewell at Maryville (conditional).

February 8, Amity college at Maryville.

February 15, Central high at Maryville.

February 22, Tarkio college at Maryville.

February 29, Benton high school at Maryville.

Home From Denver.

Mrs. Ferdinand Townsend has returned from a several weeks' absence in Denver, Col., where she was called by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Henry Bohm, who is now recovered from her illness.

$10,000 MORE TAXES

COUNTY WILL HAVE MORE MONEY TO SPEND NEXT YEAR.

TOTAL IS $283,231.67

Public Service Companies Contribute $27,485, the Rest Coming From Real and Personal Property.

The taxes to be collected this year by the various township collectors of the county and by the county treasurer, who collects the merchants' tax and also the railroad, telegraph and telephone taxes, will amount to $283,231.67, or about $10,000 increase over 1911.

The merchants and manufacturing taxes will amount to $6,447.04. Of this amount, $5,934.76 will go to the county and $512.28 to the state. The valuation of the merchants is $272,269.

The land and personal taxes amount to $249,299.15, $26,815.49 going to the state and $222,483.66 to the county. The valuation of the land, comprising 552,969.30 acres, is $9,094,343. The valuation of the town lots is $1,818,705; the valuation of money, bonds and notes is $1,316,192; and the valuation of all other personal property is $1,849,752.

The railroad and telegraph and telephone companies in the county are assessed at $1,658,584.57, and the total tax amounts to $27,485.48.

HEAT AT NEW BUILDING.

Postoffice Building Being Enclosed so Interior Work Can Be Done During the Winter.

The new postoffice building is being enclosed and heat will be turned on in that building this week. All of the windows have been closed and the roof is nearly on. With heat given by the plant of that building, interior work can be done during the winter months.

The building is scheduled to be completed by April 1.

The Electric Light company is digging a heating main to the new building, so if the government takes this service the light company will be prepared to give it at once. It is said that the government will take the service at a later date.

EASTERN STAR ELECTION.

Public Installation Will Be Held New Year's Eve and Social Will Be Given.

Officers were elected Tuesday night at the meeting of the Easter Star chapter. The installation of the officers elected will be on New Year's eve and will be public. A watch meeting will be held in connection and also a social.

The following officers were elected:
Miss Mabel Hunt, worthy matron.
M. A. Peery, worthy patron.
Miss May Harvey, secretary.
Mrs. N. F. Hopper, treasurer.
Mrs. R. H. Duncan, conductress.
Mrs. Ed Hamlin, assistant conductress.

The following are the appointive officers:
Miss Ella May Noles, Adah.
Mrs. Edna Parcher, Ruth.
Mrs. Robert Craven, Esther.
Miss Nora Louise Ritze, Martha.
Mrs. O. W. Swinford, Electa.
J. C. Combs, warder.
Leroy Johnson, sentinel.
Mrs. Rosanna Stauble, chaplain.
Mrs. J. E. Melvin, marshal.
Mrs. Charles McNeal, organist.

Guest From Colorado.

Simon Hagerty, a prominent railroad man of Sterling, Col., arrived in Maryville Tuesday night on a visit with the families of C. P. McCall and John Heekin. Mr. Hagerty is a nephew of Mrs. McCall and Mrs. Heekin.

Seats are now on sale for Sarah Padden, Empire theater, December 13.

THE WEATHER

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Premier of Canada, Who Announces Dominion Will Build Three Battleships.

CANADA'S PLAN TOPIC OF HOUR IN ENGLAND

British Politicians Welcome Dominion's Naval Contribution.

London, Dec. 9.—Canada's naval contribution has far overshadowed the eastern war as the topic of the week in England. The politicians and newspapers with very few dissenting voices welcome the Dominion's gift for its own sake and as a memorable step towards consolidating the empire.

Uncertainty exists as to whether the government proposes to receive Canada's ships as an addition to the minimum fleet considered necessary to maintain navy supremacy or as a part of that fleet.

Lord Charles Beresford will ask assurances in the house of commons that the ships constitute an addition to the English program, not part of it.

The only feature of the policy causing uneasiness is the innovation of giving the colonies a place on the committee of imperial defense.

Sickles Fails to Make Accounting.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Efforts on the part of State Comptroller William Sohmer to obtain from General Daniel E. Sickles, U. S. A., retired, an accounting for certain funds paid to him by the state as chairman of the New York monument commission having been unsuccessful, the comptroller has placed the matter in the hands of Attorney General Carmody. The amount unaccounted for, according to the comptroller, is $29,246.44.

To Recognize China Soon.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 11.—The Chinese republic probably will be recognized formally by the United States after the January elections which are to be held in China. This opinion is contained in a letter from Secretary of State Knox, transmitted to the Portland chamber of commerce.

Couple Found Dead at Hotel.

Denver, Dec. 11.—B. C. Johnson and wife were found dead in bed at a hotel with bullet wounds in their heads. The couple who came here recently from Hutchinson, Kan., were last seen alive Saturday. The police believe it is a case of murder and suicide.

SYRUP OF FIGS IS BEST FOR A CHILD.

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MRS. JOHN T. BRUSH

Baseball Magnate's Widow Who Will Share Big Fortune With Her Two Daughters.

Photo by American Press Association.

BASEBALL CLUB PART OF TRUST ESTATE

Hempstead and Lloyd Will Control the Giants.

Indianapolis, Dec. 11.—The will of John T. Brush, late owner of the New York National League Baseball club, disposing of an estate estimated to be worth $1,500,000, was filed for probate.

Aside from personal property bequeathed to members of the family, the greater part of the Brush holdings, including the ball club, is made a trust estate and given into the care of Harry N. Hempstead of Indianapolis, a son-in-law, and N. Ashley Lloyd of Cincinnati. The will provides that these two as trustees of the estate may retain the holdings as long as profitable or they may dispose of them at any time.

The proceeds are to be share alike to all members of the family. Mrs. Brush, the widow, and two daughters, Miss Natalia Brush and Mrs. Eleanor Hempstead.

NO QUOTATIONS IN THE FUTURE

St. Louis Produce Exchange Prohibits Posting of Prices.

PLANS TO AVOID LITIGATION.

St. Louis, Dec. 11.—The St. Louis Fruit and Produce exchange announced that prices would no longer be quoted at the fruit and produce exchange which might be used as a guide for dealers in fixing prices.

Until this week a committee of produce men had arranged for the quotations of sales on a blackboard at the exchange. On dull days, when no fruit or produce were sold at the exchange, these men posted prices just the same.

The committee asserted the quotation of prices was not in violation of the anti-trust laws, because the prices were not fixed and any person could sell for what he wished. The reason for quitting, they said, is to avoid litigation.

Asked about prices quoted on days when there were no sales at the exchange, the committee explained the prices were made up from sales along the street and were all actual sales.

The committee will now pass out of existence. Sales will continue at the exchange, but dealers will have no price list as a reference.

CUDAHY FAMILY REUNITED

Children Returned to Parents After Separation of Three Years.

Kansas City, Dec. 11.—After being legally separated from their parents for nearly three years the four children of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cudahy were turned over to them formally by an order of Judge Slover in the circuit court.

Litigation concerning the Cudahy children has been in the courts most of the time since they were given into the charge of the grandmother, Mrs. Michael Cudahy of Pasadena, following a fight between Mr. Cudahy and Jere S. Lillis, a Kansas City banker, in the Cudahy's home here three years ago, which resulted in a divorce for the Cudahys. Mrs. Cuday had been allowed to visit her children at stated intervals.

Several months ago Mr. and Mrs. Cudahy were remarried quietly here and since then have redoubled their efforts to get back their children.

ROBBERY NOT MOTIVE

Mystery Surrounds Killing of Seeburger at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Dec. 11.—Mystery surrounds the killing of William A. Seeburger, whose body was found on the doorstep of his home at 708 Grauman avenue, this city. Mrs. Seeburger said that she and her husband and daughter attended a theater, returning home about midnight, and that soon afterward her husband left the house on a business errand. An hour later a policeman found Seeburger's body. He had been shot in the back of the head. The members of the Seeburger family said they heard no shot. Robbery was not the motive, as the dead man's diamond ring, watch and money had not been taken.

Blue Eyed Men Matrimonial Risks.

Kansas City, Dec. 11.—Men with blue eyes make the most unreliable husbands, according to statistics announced by E. J. Fleming, superintendent of the Kansas City free legal aid bureau. "During the last year," he said, "we had 323 cases of wife abandonment and non-support to dispose of, and in nearly every instance the offending man had blue eyes. I cannot explain it."

This Man Believed in Matrimony.

Salt Lake, Dec. 11.—Matrimony had a staunch friend in Arson Pratt Arnold, a well-to-do street railway official who died here last week. Not only did Mr. Arnold leave two widows, both wedded to him before polygamy was interdicted by the Mormon church, but his will probated provided that his son, Frank K. Arnold, aged twenty-five, must be married before he shall receive his share of the estate.

Molten Slag Kills Sleeping Laborer.

Salt Lake, Dec. 11.—Molten slag, poured upon William Bruce, a laborer as he lay asleep, resulted in his death in a hospital here. After a vain search for work at Garfield, Utah, and having no money to hire a bed, Bruce lay down among the warm slag at the foot of the American Smelter dump. Toward morning ten tons of the liquid fire rolled down the dump and splashed over the sleeper.

Pioneer Preacher Dead.

Kansas City, Dec. 11.—Rev. Alfred M. Mann, a pioneer Presbyterian minister in Kansas, who preached to cowboys and frontiersmen in dugouts on the plains in the early days, died at his home in Kansas City. He was born in 1837 and was the son of Judge John Mann, at one time a leading jurist of Illinois.

Miner Falls Seven Hundred Feet.

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 11.—Missing a cage as it passed the landing, Rudolph Oehler, a miner, fell 750 feet in a shaft of the Illinois Coal company's mine at Pana and was instantly killed.

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Our 50c Grade at 37 1-2c

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"HAS THE OLD GOSPEL RUN OUT?"

Rev. Walter Harman Gave a Powerful Sermon at Christian Church on Tuesday Night.

Rev. Walter Harman, the evangelist at the Christian church revival meeting, preached a fine sermon on "Has the Old Gospel Run Out?" There were two more conversions at the meeting, making 55 to date. Rev. Harman said in part:

"Christ commissioned his apostles to preach the Gospel until the ends of the earth. He never so much as intimated that the time would come when it would become obsolete, and therefore out of date. This Gospel was and still is heaven's ordained power for the salvation of the world. The preacher who neglects to tell the story of the cross, but in its stead condescends to telling death bed, emotional, exciting stories, is prostituting his high and holy calling. He is feeling his hearers on the husks when their souls are famishing for the bread and water of life.

"The Old Jerusalem Gospel consists of three things: Facts to be believed, commands to be obeyed, and promises to be enjoyed. The facts to be believed are the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord. The commands are baptism and the Lord's supper. The promises are the remission of sins, the gift of the Holy Spirit and a home in heaven. No Gospel message is complete unless it contains all these elements.

"Furthermore, if the Old Gospel has run out, what is taking its place? Whom did God choose to vouchsafe a new revelation for the twentieth century? If the spiritual exigency of man remains the same throughout the centuries, then the first century remedy is also the twentieth century remedy."

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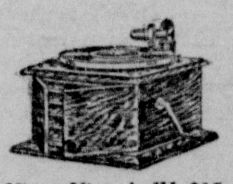

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LAUDS CLEARING HOUSE SYSTEM

Baltimore Manager Says They Are Beneficial Institutions.

SHOULD NOT BE HAMPERED.

Takes Decided Stand Against Attempts to Regulate Them—A. C. Knox Says Pittsburgh Clearing House Wants to Run His Bank.

Washington, Dec. 10.—A general defense of the clearing house system of banking and a decided stand against government regulation of clearing houses was made by Waldo Newcomer, manager of the Baltimore clearing house, before the house money trust investigating committee

The committee took up the clearing house situation in Baltimore. Representatives of two banks which had been refused conditional membership in the association appeared. Manager Newcomer explained that the banks were not admitted because as conditional members they would not be bound by the rules of the association as to out-of-town check exchange charges and other rates and would be in a position to compete at an advantage with the other members of the association bound by the rules.

In a prolonged discussion with Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the committee, Mr. Newcomer declared that clearing houses throughout the country were beneficial institutions and that any attempt at government regulation would hamper their efforts.

Situation in Pittsburgh.

The committee next took up the financial situation in Pittsburgh, A. C. Knox, vice president of the Mellon National bank of Pittsburgh and brother of Secretary Knox, testifying.

Mr. Knox testified that the Pittsburgh clearing house would like to prescribe rates of interest on deposits commissions on out-of-town checks for his bank "and generally run our business." He said that if his bank were defeated in the pending lawsuit and barred from the clearing house association it would lose half its business.

Then Mr. Untermyer asked the question which he put to every witness during the day.

"Would you favor a law requiring that a clearing house before closing up a bank by denying it clearances must consult the banking authorities and secure the consent of the state authorities in the case of a state bank and the national authorities in the case of a national bank?"

Mr. Knox said he thought such a law would be beneficial.

Lindbergh Introduces Bill.

Each senator and representative would be called upon to file a statement showing the interest of himself or family in any banking, loaning or brokerage business under a resolution introduced by Representative Lindbergh of Minnesota.

The resolution says the senate committee on finance and house committee on banking and currency have memberships mostly made up of bankers and bankers' lawyers and "controlled by those directly, personally and financially interested in that class of legislation," and that "to greater or less extent many other senators and representatives are similarly interested."

TAFT WILL GO TO PANAMA

President Will Start for the Isthmus in About Ten Days.

Washington, Dec. 10.—President Taft's plans for a trip to Panama advanced to a point where Dec. 19 was tentatively selected as the date of starting. It was understood here that Mr. Taft's intention to visit the isthmus before he goes out of office was influenced partly at least by President Elect Wilson's decision not to do so.

Under the new Panama canal law, the president is charged with the responsibility of putting into effect the new government for the canal zone.

Secretary Meyer of the navy department ordered the new dreadnought Arkansas to be at Key West on Dec 13. One other battleship will accompany the Arkansas on the voyage. It probably will be the Delaware.

Four Negroes Lynched in Alabama.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 10.—News of the lynching of one negro and the reported lynching of three others near Butler, in connection with the finding of the body of B. B. Bush, who was murdered there last Monday, was brought by Sheriff Locke, who arrived here with six negroes brought from Butler for safekeeping and charged with complicity in the crime.

Proposes Probe of Country's Canneries

Washington, Dec. 10.—A general congressional investigation of the canning industry of the country was proposed in a resolution by Representative Allen of Ohio. The resolution sets forth that conditions in certain canneries are "filthy;" that diseased workers are employed in these particular canneries, and also that women and young children are employed under adverse conditions.

Auerbach Is Given a Life Sentence.

Baldwin, Mich., Dec. 10.—O. M. Auerbach of Chicago was sentenced to life imprisonment at Jackson for the murder of his employer, Harry Fisher, former Chicago promoter.

GEN. SICKLES' DAUGHTER

Mrs. Eva Crackenthorpe, Who Arrived From Abroad, Happy Over Reconciliation.

Mrs. Crackenthorpe arrived in New York with her husband, Captain Dayrel E. M. Crackenthorpe, on the same day her parents became reconciled, when her mother paid $5,000 to cancel the judgment against the aged general and thus saved his war relics.

AUSTRIAN WAR HEADS RESIGN THEIR POSTS

Entire Naval Force Is Said to Be Gathering at Pola.

London, Dec. 10.—It was reported at Paris that the entire Austrian fleet had concentrated at Pola, the chief naval station of Austro-Hungary. This and the ministerial changes were among the interesting events in the war situation

No explanation is yet forthcoming of the sudden resignation of the Austro-Hungarian minister of war, General Auffenberg, and the chief of the general staff, General Schemua. They have said their action was due to personal reasons, but coming at such a time as the present it cannot be doubted that it will have a wide political significance.

It had been expected that in event of war General von Hoetzendorff would be appointed chief of staff and his appointment now to succeed General Schemua, coupled with the news of the renewal of the dreibund and that Austria and Hungary have negotiated temporary loans of $50,000,000, cannot but have a disquieting effect on the international situation.

MATCH COMPANY ACCUSED

Big Concern Charged With Violating Child Labor Laws.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 10.—What is declared to be the most far-reaching and the most significant prosecution ever brought under the child labor laws of America were instituted by the state of Wisconsin against the Diamond Match company. Service was secured on the officials of the company's plant at Oshkosh.

The company may be fined an aggregate penalty of $22,400 if found guilty of each of the 224 specific cases against it and assessed the maximum fine on each $100.

According to the papers the company employs a large number of children between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years. It is charged some of these children were permitted to work more than the maximum limit of eight hours a day; that some were permitted to work more than forty-eight hours a week; that some were permitted to work before 7 o'clock in the morning, and that others were permitted to work after 6 o'clock in the evening. The law provides a fine of not less than $25 nor more than $1,000 for each offense.

Alleged Mikers Charged With Forgery

St. Paul, Dec. 10.—Damas Rivard, charged with having been connected with John Carkeek and J. B. Corcoran in an alleged fake race horse "book," was placed on trial in the district court on the specific charge of forgery. The men were indicted on the charge of conducting a swindling game, in which William Schemf, a farmer, is said to have been induced to put up $2,500 as a "sure bet" on a horse race. It is alleged a check for the amount was issued by the promoters.

Protest Against Consolidation.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Telegrams from South Omaha citizens protesting against the order of the postoffice department consolidating the postoffices of South Omaha and Omaha were laid before the department today. It is expected that the consolidation of the offices, if allowed to stand, will be used as an argument with the Nebraska legislature this winter in favor of the consolidation of the two cities under one charter.

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NINE KILLED BY SNOWSLIDE

Avalanche Sweeps Away Mine Buildings at Cordova, Alaska.

Cordova, Alaska, Dec. 10.—Nine men are believed to have been killed when a snowslide on Copper mountain carried away seven buildings of the Great Northern Development company.

Eleven men were buried under the avalanche and only two have been removed alive. Three are known to be dead and no hope is entertained for six others.

The bodies of John Hart, James McGavock and Frank Wahls have been recovered.

The mine, which is a copper property, is owned by the Great Northern Development company of New York.

NEEDFUL KNOWLEDGE.

Maryville People Should Learn to Detect the Approach of Kidney Disease.

The symptoms of kidney trouble are many. Disordered kidneys often excrete a thick, cloudy, offensive urine, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding. The back may ache, headaches and dizzy spells may occur and the victim is often weighted down by a feeling of languor and fatigue. Neglect these warnings and there is danger. Delay often proves fatal.

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FAMILY REUNITED AFTER 28 YEARS

Story of Enoch Arden Revised Up to Date.

EACH HAD REMARRIED TWICE.

Kansas City, Dec. 10.—After a separation of twenty-eight years, the family of James Alee was reunited when he and his wife, Edith Jennie, returned to their home here from Denver, where they were married last week.

The Alees were first married in Atchison and lived together fourteen years. A son and daughter were born to them. After separating, each remarried twice and neither heard from the other until three weeks ago.

Learning recently that his wife was a widow again, Alee wrote to her and they arranged to meet in Denver and forget the past. Lawrence Alee, a thirteen year-old grandson, witnessed their marriage. Mr. Alee served in the Colorado legislature in 1894 and 1896.

ARBITRATION FOR BRESNAHAN

Committee in St. Louis Probably Will Make Decision.

New York, Dec. 10.—The claim of Roger Bresnahan against the St. Louis club for alleged breach of contract probably will be settled by an arbitration committee in St. Louis. This was the tentative decision of the board of directors of the National league at its meeting here. Bresnahan and his attorneys, George T. Priest and Arthur W. Sager of St. Louis, appeared before the board and presented the claim.

The St. Louis club was represented by President James C. Jones, who also is an attorney. After listening to the arguments for and against Bresnahan's claim for four years' salary, the board suggested some sort of peaceful settlement and the attorneys retired for an hour to discuss terms. On their return the tentative arbitration plan was broached and received the sanction of the directors.

Notice to Auto Owners.

On next Wednesday night, Dec. 11, at 8 o'clock, at the auto school, a free lecture will be given on the care of the automobile. This lecture will be intertaining and instructive. All owners are most cordially invited to attend. Ladies invited. School at corner Main and Sixth streets.

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EVERYONE PLEASED

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is 73 years old, stands six feet in his pajamas, and for the past eighteen years has been here battling for New England and special privilege. Hill of Connecticut, the chief exponent of an ever increasing tariff, will go back to his cotton mills with most cordial satisfaction to those whom he leaves behind.

There are a number who might well be mentioned, and there will be some interesting characters among the newcomers. The senate will no longer claim the distinction of the only blind member in Senator Gore. Mr. Kirkpatrick, a Democrat, was elected to congress from the Sixth Iowa district, and promises to be a unique member of the house. To quote his own words, "By reason of loss of vision, I am feeling my dependence very much, as my eyes were almost literally shot out by moonshiners—I am carrying over two hundred pieces of lead in my body."

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President Taft is doing all he can to save the standpatters. Following his order placing 50,000 fourth class postmasters under the civil service he has just issued an order placing 20,000 employes of the navy department under the classified list. Several hundred names have also been sent to the senate to fill prospective vacancies in the larger postoffices and various other places. Among these is the name of John H. Bryant to succeed himself as postmaster at Burlington Junction. His term does not expire until the latter part of February. The whole batch has been held up by the Democratic senators temporarily, and it is likely that they will not all get through. Among the number are several nominations to succeed Republican officials who turned Bull Moose and who have been removed.

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Some one last week mentioned Governor Hadley as one of a number who might be selected to lead the Republican party out of its wilderness of woe, and he seems to have taken it as seriously as he did the presidential talk at Chicago. He came on here Saturday and had a meeting of party leaders called with a view to rehabilitating the wreck of the G. O. P., and incidentally of restoring Herbert S. to party favor. It was found, however, that neither the elephant nor the bull moose was willing to give way to the other just yet, and it was decided that a year from now would be time enough to risk a meeting between them.

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The cabinet constructors found time during the week to start a considerable little boom for ex-Governor Folk of Missouri. They were slating him for attorney general. Just what there is to it it is impossible to say at this time, as President-elect Wilson seems to be keeping his own counsel and is making no announcements. It is believed that Governor Folk will stand as close to the new president as any other Missourian.

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An interesting change of sentiment seems to be going on just now in the various departments. There is no preaching being done, and the conditions are just the opposite of a revival, but numerous conversions are reported daily. Hundreds are announcing their enthusiastic approval of everything Democratic who have never been suspected of harboring such sentiments. Most of them are under the civil service, which is a most effective barrier against new material entering, but there has never been a time when the back door was not open to kick out those who were non grata to the powers. They all know how it has worked in the past, and the security felt by those under the favor of the G. O. P. is giving way to nervous anxiety as spring approaches.

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It's worth its weight in gold to men and women who can't get their stomachs regulated. It belongs in your home—should always be kept handy in case of a sick, sour, upset stomach during the day or at night. It's the quickest, surest and most harmless stomach doctor in the world.—Advertisement.

Seats are now on sale for Sarah Padden, Empire theater, December 13.

ARKOE.

The meetings at Arkoe are progressing very nicely. Large crowds assemble every evening to hear the excellent music rendered by the choir and hear the gospel preached in its purity by the preacher. Prof. Washburn is certainly the best chorus instructor that has ever been in Arkoe. His songs seem to possess the sweetness of an angel and charms as if it were music from above. Prof. Washburn is somewhat like Ira D. Sankey inhis manner of singing—so earnest, so spirit-filled, so charming that people sit spellbound and listen to the gospel songs. Rev. W. E. Royston brings to the people something new and attractive every evening and presents it with such earnestness and enthusiasm as to hold their full attention. Every one, irrespective of denomination, is invited to come and make this meeting the best meeting Arkoe has ever had.

Mr. Earl Brooks of Savannah visited over Sunday at Mr. Tom Coulter's.

Mr. Tom Duke has been to St. Joseph the past few days having his eyes treated.

Mrs. Carrie Hayward of Kansas City, Mo., is visiting this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wendels.

The ladies of the M. E. church served lunch at the J. Titus sale Tuesday.

Miss Dora Pope, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Pope, is on the sick list this week.

"FAGGED-OUT" WOMEN

Will Find a Helpful Suggestion in This Letter.

Overworked, run-down, "fagged-out" women who feel as though they could hardly drag about, should profit by Miss Richter's experience. She says. "Last winter I was completely run down and felt fagged out all the time, was nervous and had indigestion.

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News of Society and Womens' Clubs

Will Entertain Husbands.

The members of the Penelope club will entertain their husbands Thursday evening with a domino party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed Costello.

Reception to Students.

President and Mrs. Taylor and the faculty of the State Normal will give a reception to the students at the president's home on Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

To Be Married Thursday.

A marriage license was issued Wednesday to Wm. N. Weston and Miss Elise E. Talbott of Graham. The wedding will occur on Thursday at high noon at the home of the bride's parents, Colonel and Mrs. Charles Talbott, near Graham.

Their Golden Wedding Day.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Epperson of this city will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding Saturday, December 14, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Kemp, 133 Lawn avenue. A mistake in the date was made in a previous announcement.

Will See Plays at Tootle's.

Mrs. Will Wallis, Jr., went to St. Joseph Wednesday to spend a few days with friends. Mrs. Wallis will meet four members of the Woodson Stock company that appears this week at the Tootle theater, who were members of the company at the time she played with them a few years ago.

Tuesday Evening Bridge.

Mrs. M. Nusbaum gave a small bridge luncheon Tuesday evening in compliment to Mrs. Arthur Nusbaum of Topeka, Kan. The guests included Mrs. Arthur Nusbaum, Mrs. Frank Barmann, Miss Laura Barmann, Mrs. John W. Herren, Mrs. Berney Harris, Mrs. N. C. Covey, Mrs. Will Toel, Mrs. LeGrand Gann, Miss Maud McCluskey.

Christmas Barrel for Orphans' Home.

Alert Rebekah lodge will gather together its usual Christmas offering of canned fruit for the Odd Fellows' orphans home at Liberty, Mo., at its regular meeting Thursday night. A barrel of fruit will be sent, and each member of the lodge is asked to contribute one can of fruit. The committee appointed to pack and ship the fruit is composed of Noah Sipes, John Vert and J. B. Moore.

Gave a Misfit Party.

The members of the I X L club gave a misfit party, with a luncheon to match, Monday night, a surprise to Mrs. J. A. Lorance, one of their number, who soon leaves with her family for Corpus Christi, Texas. It was one of the best times the club has had, and they were so wonderfully arrayed, so much so that each felt that she had spent an evening in a strange land among a strange people.

Her Tenth Birthday.

Mrs. May Clark Denny entertained a number of the friends of her daughter, Hilda, Tuesday evening, to observe her tenth birthday anniversary. Assisting in entertaining and serving the little guests were Miss Georgia Evans, Miss Martha Denny, Miss Amy Clark, Miss Bess Curnutt and Miss Ina Hollowell. The guests were Donald Williams, Evelyn, Laura Margaret and Mabel Raines, Ruth and Gladys Bookman, Martha and Bill Helply, Marie Price, Mabel and Justine Fraser, Lela and Lois Gilbert, Gladys Lowry, Lon Heflin, Eleanor Sawyers, Grace and Margaret Dietz, Sterril Bishop, George Harman and Wesley Hagins.

Will Meet With Mrs. Snoderly.

The January meeting of the Young Ladies' Missionary society of the First M. E. church will be held at the home of Mrs. D. W. Snoderly. The December meeting was held last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. T. L. Wadley, who was assisted in entertaining and serving by Miss Edith Wilson and Mrs. Charles Thorp. The study was led by Mrs. Roy Collins in the absence of the one appointed, Mrs. U. I. Willson, who is on a pleasure trip to Galveston, Texas. Miss Nelle Wray gave the text book review of "The Chinese Women." Interesting papers were read by Mrs. Leslie Dean and Miss Hildred Hanna. There was a large attendance of the membership at this meeting.

Theater Party and Supper.

Miss Carrie Margaret Baker was the hostess of a theater party at the Empire Tuesday night, to see Sarah Bernhardt in "Camille." Miss Baker's guests included Mr. and Mrs. George B. Baker, the faculty of the high school and the members of the senior class, of which she is a member. After the play the party was escorted by their hostess to Reuillard's cafe for supper. The table was beautifully decorated in red carnations, lighted by pink shaded candles. Plates were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Superintendent C. A. Hawkins, Professor Westbrook, Professor Israel, Miss Keeler, Miss Thompson, Miss Ashby, Miss Carpenter, Miss Crawford, Miss Sisson, Miss Hawkins, Miss, Mildred Robinson, Miss Blanche Shipps, Miss Vera Tilson, Miss Hazel Everhart, Miss Helen Helply, Miss Hermione Fisher, Mr. Theodore Robinson, Mr. Robert Brown, Mr. Ed Gray and the hostess.

Will Give a Christmas Party.

The M. I. Circle completed arrangements for its annual Christmas party at its meeting Tuesday afternoon, held at the home of its president, Mrs. W. B. Christy. The party will be given at the home of Mrs. F. M. Martin, January 7, and the Circle will not hold a meeting again until that time. The meeting Tuesday opened with devotional service, conducted by Mrs. A. C. Hopkins, and roll call was responded to by current events. This was the first meeting of the Circle since its federation with the Missouri federation of women's clubs, and the new dignity of its posittion was noticeable in all, showing that the women of the Circle have long been ready for the honor they have accepted, and are wearing it with becoming ease and grace. Mrs. A. C. Gann gave an interesting history of Kaiser Wilhelm, and Mrs. I. W. Nixon a paper of equal interest of the German composers of music. The program closed with a humorous reading entitled "Aunt Cynthia's Persian Cat," by Mrs. A. C. Hopkins, who presented the characters shown in the story in a most creditable manner. Mrs. Vada Halley acted as critic.

Shakespeareans at Elks Club.

All the members, excepting two, of the Shakespearean department of the Twentieth Century club met for study at the Elks club Tuesday afternoon, the guests of Mrs. Berney Harris. There were three visitors, Miss Helen Houston of Nebraska City, Neb., the guest of Miss Alma Nash; Mrs. T. L. Wilderman and Miss Bertha Beal. Miss Della Grems was appointed to take the place of Mrs. W. H. Thompson, recently removed from the city, in the Shakespearean programs for the rest of the year. Roll call was responded to by quotations from act V of Hamlet, the most favored one being "There's a divinity that shapes our ends, rough hew them how we will." An outline of the same act was given by Mrs. J. F. Montgomery, and questions assigned for its study were answered by Miss Clara Sturm, Mrs. Anderson Craig, Miss Esther Shoemaker, Mrs. M. J. Honnold, Miss Grace Langan, Mrs. Frank Shoemaker, Mrs. John Cameron and Mrs. Gallatin Craig. A most thorough and animated discussion of the whole play was led by Mrs. George P. Bellows. The word drill was conducted by Miss Alma Nash, the parliamentary drill by Mrs. E. G. Orear, and current events for the last meeting by Mrs. G. B. Holmes, and current events for Tuesday's meeting by Mrs. Harris. The Shakespeareans will not meet again until January 14, when they will be the guests of Mrs. Frank Shoemaker.

Mrs. Vera Gates and Miss Iva Gates of Elmo were among the Christmas shoppers in Maryville Wednesday.

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Sheep—10,000. Market strong.

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and Wagons.

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MRS. RUSTIN WINS HER SUIT

Kentucky Court of Appeals Upholds Verdict of Jury.

Louisville, Dec. 11.—A legal verdict that Dr. Frederick Rustin of Omaha was murdered by some person unidentified and did not commit suicide was rendered in the Kentucky court of appeals when it held that accident insurance companies in which Rustin held policies must pay. The insurance, with interest, now amounts to about $33,000.

Dr. Rustin was found dying on the porch of his home in Omaha the night of Sept. 2, 1908. Contest over the insurance centered around an alleged suicide pact between Dr. Rustin and an Omaha woman. The suit was tried in Louisville upon agreement of counsel. A jury decided Dr. Rustin did not commit suicide and brought in a verdict in favor of Dr. Rustin's widow.

Seats are now on sale for Sarah Padden, Empire theater, December 13.

PARISIAN SAGE STOPS DANDRUFF AND HAIR LOSS.

This Great Hair Tonic, Grower and Beautifier Now Sold All Over America.

The Giroux Manufacturing company of Buffalo, N. Y., American makers of **PARISIAN** Sage, have authorized the Koch Pharmacy to refund the price to any purchaser if **PARISIAN** Sage does not banish dandruff, stop falling and splitting hair and scalp itch.

But **PARISIAN** Sage will do more. It will promote a new growth of hair if the hair root is not already dead, and will preserve the natural color of the hair.

It puts the radiance of sunshine into the hair and makes it beautiful and good to look upon. Women who use it once throw aside all others—50 cents at all dealers.—Advertisement

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BEAUTIFUL HAIR AT SMALL COST

A Simple Remedy Beautifies the Hair, Cures Dandruff, Stops Falling Hair.

What a pity it is to see so many people with thin, wispy hair, faded or streaked with gray, and realize that most of these people might have soft, glossy, abundant hair of beautiful color and lustre if they would but use the proper treatment. There is no necessity for gray hair under sixty-five years of age, and there is no excuse for anyone, young or old, having thin, straggling hair, either full of dandruff or heavy and rank smelling with excessive oil.

You can bring back the natural color of your hair in a few days and forever rid yourself of any dandruff and loose hairs, and make your hair grow strong and beautiful by using Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy. For generations common garden Sage has been used for restoring and preserving the color of the hair; and Sulphur is recognized by Scalp Specialists as being excellent for treatment of hair and scalp troubles.

If you are troubled with dandruff or itching scalp, or if your hair is losing its color or coming out, get a fifty cent bottle of Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur from your druggist, and notice the improvement in the appearance of your hair after a few days' treatment.

Agent Koch Pharmacy.

Why Christmas Should Be Spent at Home

IT is the fashion nowadays, alas, to cry down Christmas, and it is fast becoming a "can't be bothered with it" sort of day. It is looked upon as a nuisance because Christmastide brings with it a necessary increase of expenditure in the form of tips and presents.

It is becoming more and more the fashion—fashion to be bothered—to take less notice of Christmas and spend it away from home where there will be "plenty of fun."

In the good old days spending Christmas anywhere but at home was never for one moment dreamed of. Preparations were made months beforehand. Geese and turkeys were fattened, plum puddings were made, prospective guests were borne in mind, and the girls of the home fell to thinking of new schemes for decorations. Now, could anything be more delightful than making Christmas plans at least two months beforehand so as to keep the festive season right royally? All this sort of thing kept the family together, for when the winter evenings brought them nearer and nearer to Christmas day it made them see how necessary each one was to the other in the way of helping and suggesting as regards presents for So-and-so, holly for this room and mistletoe for that. Gradually it dawned on every one how dear the home was to all and how still more precious were the parents and children to one another.

When Christmas day did come it was a time of perfect happiness, harmony and satisfaction to every guest and every member of the family. If Christmas is not spent at home what becomes of the family gathering, the delight of decorating, the care and thought the happy mother has expended on the cooking of the dinner and, to crown all, the praise of the Christmas pudding, which by the consent of one and all invariably is "the finest pudding I have ever eaten?" No praise of a Christmas pudding ever comes amiss to a housewife's heart, and if Christmas is not spent at home the dinner will fall flat. There is no family gathering, no noisy, good humored chaff, and there is not that subtle, indefinable something at work which binds the family closer together, heals up old sores, opens up new friendships and wipes away all bitterness, that is so marked a feature in a good, homely Christmas gathering.

There have been more reconciliations, more "divided houses" brought together again, more eyes made dim through a mist of happy tears at some difference or misunderstanding made clear by a Christmas gathering at home than at any other season or place.

Charles Dickens, the novelist of Christmas, who did more for Christmas than any one can ever guess, had had a slight difference with Thackeray. He met him on the steps of his club on Christmas morning, hesitated, then held out his hand, which Thackeray grasped with all the warmth of his great heart. Both men returned to their family gathering at home, feeling better and happier men.

Without a doubt a family gathering at this festive and joyful season knits the bond of love and good fellowship closer than at any other time. Old slights and hurts are forgotten; hard men of business relax and soften at the sight of the children who many a time have drawn out all that is best in them after it has lain dormant for years until they have forgotten they had a tender side to their nature at all. Yes, without a doubt home is the place for Christmas. "Oh, it will be so dull and uninteresting at home!" is often the cry. It will only be dull to those who make it so.

And if there is a vacant chair or two which, alas, can never be refilled dash away the silent tear and be thankful that you are spared to taste the joys of still another homely Christmas. Your example of spending the festive season will most assuredly instill the love of the yearly family gathering into the younger generation, who will emulate your ideas in future years. Posterity will be indebted to you for showing how to keep up a good old Christmas which was suffering from a slump in the twentieth century.

By all means, then, spend Christmas at home, decorate your house, remember the postman, the butcher, the servants and even your wife's or husband's relatives. However poor you are you can be rich in mind, thoughts and cheery words. When you sit down to the table—I don't care whether it groans with turkey and plum pudding laid for twenty or thirty or whether it merely trembles under the weight of much scantier fare and places laid for only three or four—if your heart is in the right place you will say:

"Here's to a happy Christmas. Thank God we are at home!"—Pictorial Magazine

An After Dirge.

Broke, broke, broke,
Of my hard earned "bones," oh, gee!
But it brings some relief to utter
The thoughts that occur to me

Oh, well for the beautiful gifts
As they rest in a fair array!
Oh, well for the haunting thought
That intrudes, Does the whole thing pay?

And the giving still goes on
As it has in the years gone by,
But the last of the merry holidays
Brings again the same old cry:

Broke, broke, broke!
Not a single cent, oh, gee!
And the dough that I spent for the Christmas gifts
Will never come back to me.

—Judge

Colds Go Over Night.

If your head is stuffed up and you have a hard cold you can quickly get rid of the misery.

First, look after the bowels; any good cathartic will do; then breathe Booth's HYOMEI, which promptly kills germ life and heals the membrane.

Breathe HYOMEI (pronounce it High-o-me) in the daytime through the little hard rubber inhaler, and just before going to bed at night do this. Pour a scant teaspoonful of HYOMEI into a kitchen bowl of boiling water, cover the head and bowl with towel and breathe for several minutes the soothing, healing vapor that arises. This treatment is also fine for sore throat and catarrh. Complete HYOMEI outfit including inhaler, $1.00; extra bottles if needed, 50c. The Orear-Henry Drug Co. is authorized to refund your money if dissatisfied.—Advertisement.

NEWS OF SOCIETY AND WOMEN'S CLUBS

Birthday Surprise for Husband.

Mrs. Thomas Humber of Barnard gave a birthday dinner Wednesday in celebration of the sixty-first birthday anniversary of her husband, the affair proving a complete surprise to him. The guests were Dr. and Mrs. M. M. Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stalling, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stalling, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ackey, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Will Rasco, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Westfall, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips.

Organized for Bible Study.

A new class was organized for the Christian church Bible school of Barnard at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Sell of Barnard Tuesday evening. A business and social meeting was held to secure the organization of the class, the name "The Loyal Messengers" being agreed upon. Mrs. George Daniel was chosen as instructor, Mrs. Lou Goforth president, Mrs. Lulu Sell vice president, Mrs. J. R. Strader secretary, Mrs. Frank Alumbaugh treasurer. The members enrolled are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Holliday, Mrs. Frank Alumbaugh, Mrs. Hugh King, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mr. and Mrs. Truman Kellogg, Mr. and Strader, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Melvin, Mr. and Mrs. A. Strader, Mrs. Harve Blagg, Mrs. Walter Campbell, Mrs. Warren Campbell.

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HE NEVER SUSPECTS TRICK

Old Club Man Easily Inveigled Into Telling Favorite Story and Signing Check.

There is a prominent club here, of which the greater number of members are young men; but there is one exception who is noteworthy.

He is well into the 70s, and all his actions, like his personal apearance, point to the past generation. He wears a snowy white mustache of incredible length and his head is crowned with a tangle of white locks.

People who wish to flatter him tell him he resembles Mark Twain.

Like all old men, he has his favorite stories, and never tires of telling them. There are some members of the club who know every story in his repertory. When they see the old man coming they suddenly remember appointments down town.

A group of the most youthful members, whose lack of years and thoughtfulness partly redeems the iniquity of their performance, often play a trick on the old man.

He loves to tell a certain story, of a very rambling character and no particular point. To illustrate the climax of the story the old man must have a bell at his elbow, which at the proper moment, with a dramatic gesture, he strikes forcibly.

He never notices that it is always at a certain psychological moment that this gay young group lead him to their table and insist on the story.

He is flattered and tells the story with great gusto to the applause of his listeners.

Crash! His hand falls upon the little call bell on the table. The story is told.

Just then the waiter summoned by the bell comes. He gravely presents the bill for the drinks to the old man.

Still smiling heartily, he signs the bill and rises with his old-fashioned stateliness.

"Good-night, gentlemen," he says. "I've enjoyed myself immensely!"

And he never suspects the young rogues.—New York Telegram.

Japanese Admire America.

In Japanese hearts America is by far the most favored nation on earth. They regard it as their mother country, even as we are at last coming to regard England. It is in truth the mother of their modern life. Commodore Perry today is enrolled among their national saints, the Fourth of July is observed as one of the chief festivals of the year, and the name of George Washington appeals to the youth of the land as does no other name in all history.—Atlantic Monthly.

TOWNSEND'S LIST OF GOOD ONES FOR THURSDAY

25c Pkgs. White Rolled Oats for	17c
40c Cotton Mops (24 oz.) for	27c
30c Cotton Mops (16 oz.) for	20c
VAN CAMPS or PET Milk, tall cans (16 oz.), 2 for	15c
VAN CAMPS or PET Milk, small size, 4 for	15c
Best Solid White Cabbage 100 lb. lots or over per lb	1¼c
35 lbs. for	50c
15 lbs. for	25c
Wisconsin new packed Peas, extra fine sweet wrinkled, per can	10c
doz.	$1.15
Small Sweet June Sifted Peas, can 12c; doz.	$1.35
Extra good Sweet Potatoes, 6 lbs.	25c
Mild Cured Hams, lb	17c
Cut in halves at same price.	
Extra fancy Norway Sardines, 12 to 15 tiny fish in bouillon can	5c
If you buy these you will re-order at once.	
Pure Cider Vinegar, gallon, 25c; two gallons	45c
Distilled White Vinegar, gallon, 20c; two gallons	35c
Gorton's large Smoked Bloaters, 6 for	25c
10c pkg Potato Chips, 2 for	15c
New crop Red Kidney Beans, 3½ lbs for	25c
5-gallon Galvanized Oil Cans for	40c
5-gallon Galvanized and Painted Red Galosine Can	45c
Best Lard Compound, bulk any amount, per lb	10c
Extra large best Lantern on the market, $1.00 value for	65c
Heavy Galvanized Tubs, 50c size, 35c; 65c size, 45c; 75c size	55c
With wringer attachment, 10c extra.	
15c Quaker Cracked Wheat	11c
15c pkg Pettijohn Breakfast Food	11c
15c pkg Scotch Oat Meal	11c
Quaker Hominy Grits or Pearl Hominy, 2 for	15c

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A county wide reputation such as we enjoy doesn't just happen; it means delivering the goods all the time, and we know we CAN do it.

It is much better to convince a man it is to his interest to do certain things, than to persuade him. There is a big difference. Competition, better than anything else, insures fair play to everybody. It compels "right prices" and a "square deal" and the best man wins.

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CHARITY WORKERS CLASH

Fight Effort of Kansas City Woman to Establish New Home.

Des Moines, Dec. 10.—There were appearances that this city would be the battleground of a charitable organization fight of national scope. Mrs. Julia Anna Walter-Baker of Kansas City is the leader on one side of the fight and organized charity in Des Moines is said to be on the other. The whole fight centers around an attempt on the part of Mrs. Baker to establish here the national headquarters for the Home Conserving Association of America. Mrs. Baker has one institution, known as the Joseph Orphans' home, in operation in Kansas City.

The first round of this fight already has been fought here. As a result, Mrs. Baker was prevented from appearing at two concerts with her choir of ten children from the Joseph home.

Mrs. Baker is said to have been given to understand that the presence of the children at the Y. W. C. A. was not desired, and they were taken away. This so it is alleged, was all due to the influence of local persons who are opposed to Mrs. Baker and her work.

SAY ROADS OVERWEIGH

Three Witnesses Testify Before Special Examiner Prouty at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Dec. 10.—W. T. Jones, traffic manager of the John Deere Plow company, testified before Special Examiner Prouty of the interstate commerce commission here that his records showed that weights reported by railroads were as high as 3,000 to 4,000 pounds greater than the actual weights of the contents of the cars.

Jones said it was a waste of time to try to keep freight rates down when overweights are charged. He also testified that when he protested about the overweights the railroads had replied that their weights must be accepted.

Two other witnesses testified that they had been charged for overweights. P. W. Coyle, traffic manager of the Business Men's league, declared the only way to stop overcharges would be to place the weighing in the hands of the government.

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FLYNN IS EASY FOR M'CARTY

Nebraska Boxer Disposes of Fireman in Sixteen Rounds.

DESPERATE FIGHT WITNESSED

Pueblo Pugilist Takes Count of Nine in Tenth and Only Continues Battle by Means of His Staying Power. Fight Stopped in Sixteenth.

Los Angeles, Dec. 11.—Luther McCarty of O'Neill, Neb., won the heavyweight championship elimination contest at Vernon from Jim Flynn, the Pueblo fireman.

The battle ended in the sixteenth round, when, after Flynn had gone down twice and appeared helpless, Referee Eyton stopped the fight and declared McCarty the winner.

Flynn announced his weight at 190 pounds. McCarty weighed in at 205.

McCarty carried the fight to Flynn throughout the first round, and the fireman spat blood as he went to his corner.

McCarty continued to force the fighting in the second and Flynn seemed unable to reach him effectively.

In the tenth, McCarty landed a hard right to the jaw, putting the fireman down for the count of nine.

Badly battered and rushing blindly, Flynn went through the eleventh, rocked repeatedly by the blows that McCarty landed almost at will. The next four rounds went the same way, the Nebraskan having his antagonist at his mercy, but lacking the driving power to stop him.

Flynn seemed almost helpless when at the outset of the sixteenth, he was sent down for the count of nine, and when a moment later a smash to the jaw dropped him for the second time Referee Eyton stopped the fight and declared McCarty the winner.

CHICAGO MAN ABDUCTED

Butter Company Cashier Tosses Satchel and $30,000 Aside When Attacked.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—A carefully staged attempt to kidnap and rob M. J. Wright, cashier of a butter company here, of nearly $30,000 was successful in every way, except getting the money.

Mr. Wright was involved in an altercation with a supposed drunken man, enveloped in a sack, bundled into an automobile, carried swiftly away to a deserted street half a dozen miles distant and released, blindfolded, so the robbers had disappeared by the time he had got the bandage off his eyes.

The only mistake made by the robbers was in not noticing that Mr. Wright tossed his satchel, containing $28,027 in currency and checks, behind a telegraph pole before he was thrown into the automobile.

Wright's telephone message to his office that he had been robbed and a message from the police that the satchel had been recovered were received about the same time.

FAIL TO FREE PRISONER

Gunmen Were in Memphis to Intercept Officers and Diggs Nolen.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 11.—Developments in connection with the bandit raid, in which one man was killed and several prisoners taken, showed that Frank Holloway, bank robber and escaped convict, was in Memphis with his gang to intercept United States marshals en route from Savannah, Ga., to Omaha, Neb., with "Diggs Nolen," accused of misuse of the mails and free Nolen.

Their plans were frustrated, however, when Holloway, Brantley Mitchell, John McCoy and Mrs. John McCoy were arrested by a squad of police who swooped down on the McCoy residence.

Webber Now Says No Plot to Murder

New York, Dec. 11.—"Bridgey" Webber, one of the four informers whose testimony convicted Charles Becker and the four gunmen of the murder of Herman Rosenthal, returned from Havana and issued a statement repudiating in many respects the story he told on the witness stand. He said there was no plot to murder Rosenthal. On the other hand, he said the gunmen went to the Hotel Metropole to frighten the gambler, but two of them got drunk and the fatal shooting resulted.

Gouged Out Their Child's Eyes.

Cerbere, France, Dec. 11.—A man and wife, living in the village of Gave in Catalonia, were caught in the act of gouging out the eyes of their five year old child, with the object of rendering it more pitiable and thus able to obtain as a beggar more sympathy from the public. The other inhabitants of the village were attracted by the child's screams and when they arrived on the scene found that it had already been blinded and otherwise mutilated. The man and woman were arrested.

Cost of Dispensing Charity Too High.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Having discovered that it costs the county agent at Kensington $480 a month in salaries, rent and incidentals to dispense charity and relief to the extent of $180 a month, Alexander A. McCormick, newly installed president of the county board, abolished that office.

EVIDENCE OF MONEY TRUST

Chairman of New York Clearing House Committee on Stand.

FIVE MEN CONTROL TWO BANKS

Cash Attracted to Metropolis When Needed by Farmers—Morgan's Influence Potent—Effect of Magnate's Activity Is Basis of Money Inquiry.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The first testimony as to "concentration of money and credit" was heard by the house banking and currency committee in its investigation of the money trust. W. B. Frew, president of the Corn Exchange bank of New York and chairman of the New York clearing house committee, occupied the stand throughout the day, and was put through a grilling examination by Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the committee.

Through Mr. Frew, Mr. Untermyer put into the record evidence of trust agreements by which five men control two of New York's greatest financial institutions—the Bankers' Trust company and the Guarantee Trust company, with aggregate deposits of nearly $400,000,000. The Bankers' Trust, Mr. Frew said, was controlled by H. P. Davidson, George B. Case and Daniel G. Reid; the Guarantee company by H. P. Davidson, George F. Baker and William P. Porter.

These men hold and vote the stock of the companies, except enough to allow a board of directors to qualify, and under the trust agreements have authority over the affairs of the companies, even to the acquisition or merger of other institutions.

Mr. Untermyer also secured from Mr. Frew a description of the method by which money was attracted to New York when small country merchants and farmers demand funds for the moving of crops or the accommodation of their business affairs. Mr. Frew said that the money was needed on the New York Stock exchange for speculative purposes; that country banks kept large sums on deposit in New York, that thus the "home" demand for money became strong, the New York price for money rose, and the New York banks in order to gain the big interest charges put their money out on call loans on the New York Stock exchange. All these loans are based on stock exchange collateral, Mr. Untermyer elicited.

Mr. Untermyer and the witness did not get along well together and often the colloquy between the two repeatedly became heated.

Mr. Frew admitted that the men who composed the voting trust were "associated with Mr. Morgan."

INVESTIGATION IS URGED

Morgan Charged With Blocking Railroad for New England.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Representative O'Shaughnessey, arguing for an investigation of the New Haven-Grand Trunk alleged traffic deal, referred to J. P. Morgan's recent visit to London as a "striking coincidence of the changed attitude of the Grand Trunk officials," and the cessation of work on the Southern New England railroad, which, he said, had been looked upon as to be a real rival of the New Haven line.

It is time for a complete investigation, not only of the recent exhibition of an ingrained and vicious practice, but of all the transactions on the part of this railroad company (the New Haven) which has given to the people the monstrosity of a waterlogged corporation with a corresponding diminution of effective public service," declared Mr. O'Shaughnessey, addressing the house rules committee.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy declared the new railroad "started its work amid general rejoicing and the fond expectation that a real rival had at last challenged the monopolistic supremacy of the New Haven road.

"The diabolical hand of a monopoly, which brooks no interference, is revealed in an abandoned project on which $1,500,000 had been spent and for which a total expenditure of $4,000,000 had been contracted by way of damages, condemnation suits for involved property and repairs."

Harvester Trust Threatened Him.

St. Paul, Dec. 11.—A. J. Jones, member of an implement firm at Hastings, Neb., testified in the government's suit against the International Harvester company that his firm had been quoting twine to the trade at 11 cents and that the company's general agent objected to the price, insisting that it be put back to 12 cents, or that he (the general agent) would place on sale two carloads of twine at Hastings. Mr. Jones declared that his firm's answer was: "Go to it."

Ministers Appointed Special Officers.

Los Angeles, Dec. 11.—Six clergymen are on the rolls of the police department as special officers. They wear stars and are empowered to make arrests. Their special duties are the enforcement of the juvenile laws and the regulation of dance halls. The minister policemen are members of the Juvenile Protective league. They have been commissioned not only to safeguard the young and prevent the exploitation of girls, but to arrest and prosecute parents who neglect their children.

Hotchkin's Offerings in Christmas Goods

Buy early and avoid the rush—also have a better variety to choose from. We will take care of your purchases and keep them until Christmas for you.

Christmas Candies

Yankee Peanut, lb	15c
3X Chocolates, lb	15c
Counter Mix, lb	10c
Kiss Mix, lb	10c
Broken Taffy, lb	10c
Richmond Mix, lb	15c
Crystal Mixed, lb	10c
Tourist Mix, lb	15c
3X Caramels, lb	12½c
Cream Caramels, lb	15c
Sour Balls, lb	15c
Trilby Cups, lb	20c

Christmas Books

Dare Boys Series	25c
Boy Scouts Series	25c
Oliver Optic Series	25c
J. F. Cooper Series	25c
Mrs. Southworth Series	25c
Mrs. L. T. Meade Series	25c
Mary J. Holmes Series	25c
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Where stirs the pulse of Christmastide.

O gracious branch with berries pearled,
What gloried green surpasses this,
Whose magic sways the whole wide world,
The rhythmic sweetness of a kiss?

Yet as the winter, weeping, dies
The charm still masters Cupid, so
Whene'er he looks in Psyche's eyes
He sees the mirrored mistletoe.

A CHRISTMAS A LA MODE.

IT was Rose Marie who, marking the day of my last visit on the calendar, made the discovery that I was to belong to father on Christmas day.

This may sound a bit confusing, for most little girls belong equally to their parents, but I, Willette Warrington, don't. Ever since I can remember mother has lived in our nice apartment in Central Park West, and father has lived down in the Fifties, just off the avenue. And I belong to mother year in and year out, excepting three days in each month, and for these three days I belong to father.

When Rose Marie made the discovery that my next visit to Fifty-something street would fall upon the 25th of December she was quite ready to cry her little black eyes out.

Father sent the brougham on the morning of the 24th.

"Billie, Billie, dear!" cried mother, clasping me tightly in her arms when she caught sight of the carriage which was to take me away.

"Don't you want me to go, mother?" I asked a little unsteadily.

"Want you to go!" she cried. Then she hesitated and added, very calm and self possessed: "Of course I always want you with me, Billie, dear, but then so does your father want you, and for the next three days you belong to him. So I want you to go."

"But now—and tomorrow Christmas day! Oh, mother, won't I see you tomorrow—won't I see you on Christmas day?" I cried, clinging fast to her pretty gown.

"I'm afraid not, sweetheart," she said gently.

"But I want you—I want you, mother, on Christmas day of all days in the year," I said.

"But don't you want your father, too, Billie, dear?" she asked. "Oh, I know you do—you must! So run along, dear little girl, run—quickly!"

She let me go and pushed me gently from her, and I knew by the smile in her big brown eyes that the tears were very near.

Father was waiting for me on the steps of the Cordova, and when he saw the brougham halt under the marquise and just one little girl step out his face went all a-grin, and he picked me up and kissed me.

"Well, well, well! Where's Rose Marie?" he asked, and then I told him she had stopped at home.

I wish you could see father's rooms in the Cordova. They are ever so nice, with dark walls and gay rugs and big, substantial looking furniture. There's an open fireplace and a huge old settle with no end of red cushons in his den, and it is here we sit of an evening, side by side, and talk until bedtime.

After we had gone up in the elevator to father's apartment he turned to me and asked me about the day's program.

"I'd like to go down to the shops after luncheon," I told him promptly.

"Good! Jolly! And suppose we go down to one of the more quiet of the big hotels and lunch there," he said.

He always does think of the very nicest things! A big hotel downtown!

After luncheon we entered our hansom again and were driven away to one of the big shops, where, as father put it, one can buy everything from a collar button to a steam launch. Rose Marie says men do not like shopping, but, then, Rose Marie doesn't know everything in the world, and father and I had a beautiful time. We bought all sorts of gifts for just everybody, and father didn't look while I selected his present, and I didn't look while he selected mine.

"Now," I said, as we came out of the department store, "I want to buy mother's gift."

"Why, of course," said father hurriedly. "What do you want? Where do you want to go? I'll tell the cabby."

"I haven't decided what to get," I said slowly. "What do you think? Can't you suggest something, father?"

He shook his head. "I'm afraid I can't, Billie," he told me quietly. "Get

"OH, MOTHER," I SHOUTED.

whatever you think your mother will like. I know she will appreciate it all the more if you select it yourself."

He put me in the hansom and, jumping in himself, told the man to drive slowly up the avenue. This would give me time to decide upon the present and where it should be purchased. I was wavering between a set of silver for her Antoinette desk and a pair of green majolica jars for her favorite dwarf pines when our hansom was caught in a block.

Directly abreast of our hansom was another one, ours going north, our neighbor's coming south, and as I turned my head I looked straight into mother's eyes! She was the sole occupant of the south coming cab.

"Mother!" I shouted. "Oh, mother, mother!"

"Billie!" she cried. We had both seen each other together, just as we always see everything together.

"What is the trouble?" began father when he, too, turned his head and looked into mother's lovely eyes.

"How-de-do, Will?" she said softly.

I saw father clinch his hands tightly, then, "How-de-do, Nell?" he returned. "Awful block, isn't it?"

"Oh, very bad!" said mother, but she was looking at me sitting so proudly at father's side, and presently I caught the suspicion of a tear in her eyes. Directly a big lump came in my throat. I saw how it was. Mother was thinking of Christmas and of her little girl, and I was sorry, sorry for her and for father too. The surface cars banged their bells, the policemen shouted and the cabbies swore. And all the while our hansom was jammed tightly next to mother's, and we sat staring straight at each other and saying not a word.

Just then a policeman came up to mother's hansom and shouted to the cabby. It seemed that the left wheel of mother's hansom was locked in the right wheel of another carriage in such a way as to render it unsafe to pull out. The policeman, who of course knew nothing of our affairs, said:

"Step across into the hansom next to you, ma'am. Its wheels are safe, and I'm thinking the line will be moving north first."

Poor mother flushed cruelly and said not a word, but just sat there looking with pleading eyes at father. But father didn't move, and neither did he speak, so I took the situation in my two small hands and said:

"Father, won't you help mother into our cab?"

Directly I spoke to father he was all attention and politeness. He stood up and held out his hand to mother and carefully helped her across into our hansom. I believe mother would never have come only she knew that a great many persons had heard me and were watching us, and so she yielded gracefully, as mother alone can.

When she was in our cab and sitting down with me squeezed in between father and herself, she raised her eyes and said quietly:

"Thank you, Will."

A moment later the line started, slowly moving northward, and our hansom went with the others, father and mother and I were sitting side by side. It seemed so good just to think of it, although I knew it all came of an accident alone.

After we had gone two blocks uptown, father spoke—very quietly and with tightly pressed lips.

"I'll speak to the man and tell him to stop at the next corner. Then I'll get out and you and Billie can have the cab to yourselves."

"There is no need for you to get out, Will," mother told him quickly. "It is I who am the intruder. Have him stop, please, and I will find another hansom."

"I wouldn't have you do that for the world," he returned. "I shall leave you at the next corner; that is settled."

Mother put out her hand and let it rest lightly on father's arm.

"Will," she cried, "please don't make me feel worse than I already do. I was forced in your cab, by accident it is true, but nevertheless, I did allow you to help me enter it. But that was because—people were—watching us—and I thought—it best. Now that we are out of the tangle, I must thank you and ask you to set me down—at once! Else I shall never forgive you."

And they continued to talk, and the hansom continued on its way, and nobody but myself noticed that we had got well uptown and were within two blocks of the apartment building in Central Park West, where mother and I live.

So, quite unobserved, I spoke up the tube to the cabby, and said:

"The Strathmore, and quick, please!"

We turned down a cross street into another, and before one could say "Jack Robinson" we had stopped at the door of the Strathmore.

"Oh!" cried mother.

"What is this?" frowned father.

But he leaped out on the snow covered pavement and gave mother his hand. A moment later we all hurried up the steps and—stopped in the lobby!

"Thank you," said mother. "You are very kind."

Father laughed. "Oh, not at all," he told her. "This is not a case of being kind—exactly."

"Won't you come in—for a little—a cup of tea, perhaps?" asked mother slowly.

I don't know what father would have answered, so I took no chances.

"Do come!" I cried, and looked at mother to further second my invitation.

"Yes, do," she said, without raising her eyes.

"Thanks, I will!" cried father, and we all went up in the elevator together.

When we were safely in mother's pretty sitting room and I had securely locked the door, I slipped away and left them together. Somehow it seemed as if they would get along better without me just then, and, besides, I think I had helped a lot as it was for a mere little girl, don't you?

An hour later—it seemed hours and hours later, although it really wasn't, of course—I went back and found mother in father's arms.

"Oh, won't we have a bully Christmas?" I cried joyfully. "Father and mother and I—what a lovely, lovely time we'll have together!"

"You can wager anything you own that we will," laughed father. "Why, it will be a regular Christmas a la mode, eh, Nell?"

And then he kissed mother, and mother hid her happy face on his broad shoulder, and I was oh, so happy!

Merry Christmas, indeed!—W. Carey Wonderly in Smart Set.

MR. MARDIFIELD'S CHRISTMAS GRANDSON.

"I WONDER who they are?" said old Mr. Mardifield.

He was standing at the window of the breakfast room, looking across the sunny street at an unpretending little cottage.

"Whom do you mean, uncle?" asked Clara Barton, who expected to be her granduncle's heiress.

"Why, those people across the way?"

"Oh, common folks, I dare say. Nobody else would live in that house."

Old Mardifield came to the breakfast table. He sighed softly as he took the cup from Clara's jeweled hand.

"Uncle, dear, you are very silent," said Clara.

"I was only thinking, my dear," said the old gentleman apologetically.

"Only thinking!" Yes, his mind had gone back years along the dusty track of time, and he had been mutely pondering upon what the result would have been had he shaped his course differently in the days that were gone. He had had a son once, of whom he had been proud and fond, and if—

"I would have done anything for him—anything," thought Mardifield, swallowing his coffee, "if he would only have been willing to consult my feelings a little. But when he married that western girl it was like drawing a gulf between us, and he knew it. But he's dead now, and even on his deathbed he was too proud to send for his old father."

These were the thoughts that were passing through old Mardifield's mind.

As the old gentleman was returning from a walk later in the cool sunshine a little fellow hanging over the gate accosted him eagerly.

"Sir, are you Santa Claus?"

"Not that I know of. Why?"

"You are like the picture in my book," said the boy—"a fat old gentleman, with a long white beard and lots of parcels. And my mamma said Santa Claus wouldn't come to our

"MADAM, I AM SANTA CLAUS."

house 'cause we were so poor. And I want a stocking full of toys, like the other boys, and a new sled, and a pair of skates, and I thought if I saw Santa Claus I'd ask him."

Here a soft voice from the window called "Lionel! Lionel!" and the apparition slipped down from the gate and ran away.

"A cunning little rogue!" thought Mardifield. "Santa Claus, eh? An old gentleman with a long white beard—ha! ha! ha! And I might have had just such a chubby rascal of a grandson as that if only—I wonder if they would object to my adopting him! Santa Claus, eh? Well, I believe I will turn Santa Claus for once!"

The stars were shining out, tiny points of gold, through the darkness of the Christmas eve, when Mr. Mardifield knocked at the door of the little cream colored cottage.

"Come in!" a gentle voice called, and Mardifield, groping his way through a semilighted hallway, found himself in the presence of a sweet faced woman, in a pillowed chair, her fingers busied in some piece of knitting.

"Madam," said he, bowing courteously, "I am Santa Claus!"

And then he told her the story of how little Lionel had accosted him in the morning.

"You are very kind, sir," said the woman tremulously. "We are poor—so poor, in fact, that the barest necessaries of life are sometimes beyond our reach, and little Lionel's dream of Santa Claus must have gone unrealized if it were not for your thoughtful consideration."

She smiled faintly, with a motion of her white transparent hand toward the chimney, but as Mr. Mardifield turned round to look he started as if smitten by some sudden blow.

"My God!" he gasped, "whose picture is that hanging over the mantel?"

"My husband's portrait, sir."

"Your husband's! Then," and he turned once more to face her, "you are Charley's wife!"

"My husband's name was Charles Mardifield," she answered. Little Lionel, awakened by the loud voice in which the old gentleman had spoken, sat up in his bed, with disheveled curls and big eyes.

"Santa Claus, Santa Claus!" he cried. "Mamma, I knew he'd come!"

"My child," said Mr. Mardifield, lifting the little form in his arms, "Santa Claus has sent you a grandfather."

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RING OF PROMISE

How Girl Kept Secret an Engagement That Was Not an Engagement.

By HORATIO DENTON GERHARDT.

Bart Wilson, at the jewelry counter, looked up in surprise as he heard Daisy Martin ask falteringly:

"What kind of a ring can I buy for five dollars?"

"Not a very good one," he returned, then as her pretty brown eyes filled, he added, "but you might give me that much as a deposit, and pay the rest later."

"I didn't know you ever sold goods that way," Daisy said softly, and for the first time Bart, smarting from a hurt given him by a heartless city girl who had flirted with him during the past couple of months, noticed how lovely the girlish face was.

"I never have," he said smiling. "But it is never too late to change my methods. Don't tell anyone about it, will you?"

"Oh no, no," she cried in alarm, "and you won't tell that I have bought it?" and the tears started in her sweet eyes.

"Why, surely not," he returned, wondering at her emotion, and briskly turning matters into a thoroughly business channel, he pulled out a tray of rings, and asked:

"How high do you want to go?"

The girl's eyes lingered upon a dainty little pearl cluster ring, and Bart finally let her have it at cost, twelve dollars, telling her to pay him the other seven as she saw fit. He laughed at himself a little scornfully the rest of the day when the transaction recurred to him, but by the next forgot it, for his heart was still heavy with the sorrow the city girl had made for him.

Daisy came in a week later with a dollar, and he was somewhat surprised to see the ring on her finger, for he had thought she was buying it for someone else. Again he was impressed with the beauty of the young face, and took pleasure in exchanging a few words with the shy little thing who scarcely numbered eighteen summers.

While the two lived near each other, they moved in different circles, Bart being in one of the older sets, so he did not meet her socially until the charity entertainment at Christmas in which all the young people of the town participated. There was a program made up of local talent, and

"How High Do You Want to Go?"

afterwards a dancing party. Bart, who was very popular, danced with the various belles of the place, but began to notice that Daisy did not seem to be asked, and so he inquired of his partner why so pretty a girl as she seemed to be neglected.

"Oh, I don't know. She just doesn't seem to take, I suppose, and then since the talk about her ring, I guess people think they had better know just who she is going with before they are seen with her."

"What talk?" Bart gasped, skillfully guiding his partner into a recess as the music ended, so she could continue her conversation.

"Why, she has a ring that she says was given her by someone who cares a great deal for her, and who knows her better than anyone else. She won't tell who that someone is, and people are talking," and the girl threw up her head.

Bart looked serious, but said nothing, and excusing himself started to cross the floor, intending to ask Daisy to dance with him. He saw several of the older girls go up to the little figure and evidently say something to her that was not kind in its nature, for Daisy sprung to her feet, her eyes blazing. Then her head drooped and she seemed to wilt as she resumed her seat dejectedly.

In a moment the young man was by her side, asking gently:

"What is it, Daisy?"

The girl turned, her sweet young face changing from white to crimson, and then paling again, but she said nothing.

He turned to the tormentors. "Perhaps you will tell me the trouble."

"A mysterious person has given her a ring, and she won't tell who it is," said the elder of the young women. "We're just curious, that's all."

"Suppose she doesn't tell her secrets," Bart said coldly, "what of it? We all have affairs that we do not tell to the public."

"She can have all she wants to, but she must keep away from the rest of us if she wears things she is ashamed to talk about," said the other young woman, and Bart wondered to himself that a human countenance could be so disagreeable. He looked at the little shrinking figure, and knew that it was a crisis in the girl's life. Innocent of any wrong, she would be branded by these two, jealous of her beauty, in a way that might spoil her whole future. With this realization came the knowledge that into his own wounded heart this gentle, clinging child-woman had crept, and he felt a fierce determination to protect her, even though afterwards she disclaim his statement. Calmly, he took Daisy's little hand, on which appeared the offending ring, and drawing it through his arm said coldly:

"My dear, while I thank you for keeping our engagement a secret, still I think you have gone a little too far. As you have respected my wishes not to have it known until after the first of the year, I'll solve the mystery of this ring, and tell these ladies, and they can spread the news all over town, that you obtained this ring from me," and with these words he swept the astounded girl from the room.

"Get on your wraps," he told her "and I will take you home," and he waited in the hall, fully conscious of the buzzing tongues inside as the news spread like wildfire.

Daisy kept him waiting but a minute, and he felt a thrill of joy as he saw the light in her brown eyes, timidly raised to his, but he said nothing until they were well clear of the hall, and then asked gently:

"What made you buy the ring, Daisy, dear?"

Choked with sobs, the girl confessed that she had envied the other girls their admirers, and was tired of being teased because she had none of her own.

"The girls say I'm too quiet for the boys to like me, and I thought if I had a pretty ring they would think someone out of town cared for me."

"You poor little thing," he cried, realizing that the very reserve and shyness that had repelled others had made him grow to love her. "I wonder, darling," he whispered, bending his head over hers, and pressing her hand close to his side, "if you are willing to make what I said tonight strictly true?"

Daisy raised her eyes to his. She needed no further words to tell her that she was truly loved, and with a soft cry of joy she replied with a swift glance of her pretty brown eyes. Everyone was in the hall, so Bart did not delay, but gathered her into his arms and covered her soft lips with his own.

Daisy now has a half a dozen very valuable rings, but prizes that little pearl cluster more than any, and she and Bart already have measured another one on her little finger, a plain, broad band, that he is to put on the day she is eighteen, which will also be her bridal day.

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OLD NOTIONS ABOUT HOSIERY

How Stockings and Their Use Figure in Superstitions About Customs and Dreams.

Stockings figure in some curious superstitions touching old customs, especially those connected with marriage. Every one knows that there are actions both lucky and unlucky. Among the former it is commonly held that to put on any article of clothing wrong side out is decidedly a sign of good luck; but it must be done accidentally, and when the mistake is found out no change must be made, else the luck will immediately vanish. The idea is very firmly held about stockings, probably because it is more easy to make such a mistake in putting on a stocking than in donning other garments. It would be hard, indeed, for a woman to put on her dress or a man his coat or vest inside out without noticing what he was doing.

Sometimes folk are to be found who have improved upon the common notion or who have even reversed it.

Another superstition touching the use of hose is connected with dreaming. This is a Scotch notion. If a person be about to sleep in a bed that he or she has never slept in before, the certainty of dreaming can be assured by placing the stocking taken off the right foot under the head. Not only will the sleeper be sure to dream, but the dream will certainly come to pass.

Of the superstitions attached to marriage ceremonies, most people have heard of "throwing the stocking." This rite would hardly be regarded now as consistent with modern notions of decorum, but it was highly popular in former days. The ceremony was performed at the conclusion of the wedding day's festivities by young men and girls seated at the bed foot—the former having the bride's and the latter the groom's stockings—whose object in throwing the hose backward over their heads was to hit, if possible, the head, and especially the nose, of one or other of the newly married couple. A successful shot meant marriage at an early date for the thrower.—Tit-Bits.

None Too Soon.

Perturbed Diner—What on earth is the matter with you this evening, waiter? First you give me the fish, and now you give me the soup.

Waiter (confidentially)—Well, to tell the truth, sir, it was 'igh time you 'ad that fish.—The Sketch.

Christmas Don'ts

Don't leave the cost mark on presents.

Don't let Christmas giving deteriorate into a trade.

Don't let money dominate your Christmas giving.

Don't embarrass yourself by giving more than you can afford.

Don't expect to receive as much as you give, as the odds are on the disappointment.

Don't acquire your Yuletide before the fun of Christmas actually begins. No Christmas is fulfilled when the celebrant is filled full.

Don't be the first to tell a child there is no Santa Claus. If you have to lie about it lie, and lie as attractively as your education will permit.

Don't eat your Christmas dinner in a restaurant if you can find any old home that you may eat it in, for a Christmas dinner in a home is worth two in the bush.

Don't let your Christmas go by without giving some sort of present to a child. The excuse that you know no children will not suffice. You can know plenty of them between now and the day of days.

Don't decide to abstain from giving just because you cannot afford expensive presents. The thoughtfulness of your gift, the interest you take in those to whom you give, are the principal things. The intrinsic value of your gift counts very little.

Don't give things because they are cheap and make a big show for the money. As a rule, it is a dangerous thing to pick up a lot of all sorts of things at bargain sales for Christmas presents. If you do there is always the temptation to make inappropriate gifts.

A CHRISTMAS HYMN.

No tramp of marching armies,
No banners flaming far;
A lamp within a stable,
And in the sky a star.

Their hymns of peace and gladness
To earth the angels brought;
Their "Gloria In Excelsis"
To earth the angels taught

When in the lowly manger
The holy mother maid
In tender adoration
Her Babe of Heaven laid

Born lowly in the darkness,
And none so poor as he,
The little children of the poor
His very own shall be.

No rush of hostile armies,
But just the huddling sheep,
The angels singing of the Christ
And all the world asleep.

No flame of conquering banners,
No legions sent afar;
A lamp within a stable,
And in the sky a star.

—Margaret E. Sangster in Collier's Weekly.

Sacrifice Is Spirit of Christmas.

A curious thing comes to my mind concerning which I have a word to say, and that is apropos of honesty. No one has a right to give away anything except what may be in excess of the just demands upon the income. The butcher, the baker, the dry goods man, needs his money as surely as does the enthusiastic woman eager to make a pretty gift or the lover to bestow upon his sweetheart what he knows is her heart's desire. Successful Christmas giving should mean self sacrifice, and it is often a greater sacrifice to deny oneself the privilege of expenditure than to do just what one has in mind. I believe that from the nursery days this theory should be inculcated, and, as the coming to this world of our blessed Lord was one great act of sacrifice, so in planning for our Christmas gifts each child in the family should be encouraged to something of self sacrifice in the gathering together of the money for his gifts. I like to picture the old fashioned Virginia home, where round the library table through the fall months the children of the household and the kinsfolk and acquaintances who might be within the doors busied themselves in the preparation of dainty nothings which should carry on Christmas morn the sweet words of loving remembrance. — Julia Holmes Smith, M. D., in Pilgrim.

Baskets of Dainties.

Save the grape baskets to fill with dainties and see what charming Christmas gifts can be made. Line the baskets with dark green tissue paper and fill them with oranges, red apples, nuts, clusters of raisins, figs, dates, grapes and candy. Small glasses of jelly, homemade cookies, individual mince pies or plum puddings add to the value.

To the Cynics.

Christmas comes but once a year.
Do not make a jest of it.
'Tis a season of good cheer
Cynics spoil the zest of it.
Now a respite, brief repose,
Let us make the best of it,
Drown our many weary woes.
Christmas, we are blest of it.

Christmas comes but once a year.
Children love the zest of it.
Now a message glad we hear,
Hearken to behest of it.
Just good will and wishes kind
And your love, the best of it.
If we're poor—well, never mind.
Laugh we will and jest of it.

Christmas comes but once a year.
Money's not the test of it.
Hearts alone can help and cheer.
Christ has made the best of it.
Whatsoever may befall,
Sorrows or the rest of it,
Merry Christmas comes to all,
Even those who jest of it.

New York Times.

CHRISTMAS REUNIONS.

How many families whose members have been dispersed and scattered far and wide in the restless struggles of life are on this day reunited and meet once again in that happy state of companionship and mutual good will which is a source of such pure and unalloyed delight and one so incompatible with the cares and sorrows of the world, that the religious belief of the most civilized nations and the rude traditions of the roughest savages alike number it among the first joys of a future condition of existence provided for the blest and happy! How many old recollections and how many dormant sympathies does Christmas time awaken! — Charles Dickens.

THE LEGEND OF THE MISTLETOE.

THE hanging of the mistletoe at this coming Christmastide invites the usual tour across the mystic, musty pages of the past. This branch of the holiday's decoration treasures within it sweets that to the young people are most tempting. It was the same ten centuries ago, and so it will be for centuries to come.

While their ladyships were waiting
And their lordships were debating
There were other genuflections going on
It is hardly worth while stating
That acoustic osculating
Baptized that British Christmas before dawn.

The sacredness of the mistletoe has always been respected, particularly by the Britons and the Scandinavians. It was a part of the religion of the druids, and they regarded it with the utmost veneration, but restricted their worship of it to the plant when found growing on the oak. The oak was the favorite tree of their divinity. Tutane, which the books say appears to have been the same as the Phoenician god Baal, or the sun, was prayed to under different names by the early pagans. At the period of the winter solstice, which was about Christmas time, a great festival was celebrated in honor of Tutane. When this anniversary arrived the Britons, accompanied by their priests, the druids, went forth with glorious pomp and jollity to gather the mistletoe, which they believed to possess wonderful curative powers. With them they took two white bulls and sometimes human beings to be sacrificed.

Upon finding the oak with the mistletoe clinging to it the chief druid, clad in white, the emblem of purity, ascended the tree and with a golden knife cut the vine. As it fell it was caught in the folds of the robe of another priest. Then the bulls and sometimes the humans were offered to Tutane, and various festivities followed. The mistletoe thus gathered was cut into small portions and distributed among the people, who hung it over the entrances to their dwellings to notify the sylvan deities that they were welcome to shelter during the season of frost and cold.

These rites were retained throughout the Roman dominion in Britain and for a long while under the Jules, Saxons and Angles.

The most beautiful legend regarding the mistletoe and the one from which it derives its mystic powers is of Scandinavian origin. Balder, the god of poetry and eloquence and second son of Odin and Freja, had a dream in which it was intimated that he would be killed in battle. He communicated this dream to his mother, who was very fond of him, and she, to protect him, invoked the powers of nature—fire, earth, air and water—as well as animals and plants and obtained an oath from them that they would do Balder no hurt. With his invulnerability assured, as he thought, he entered the combats of the gods and was very successful in slaying all who came forward to engage him. They struck him with their arrows, but he plucked them out and derided his antagonists as they fell mortally wounded before him.

It was about time for Loke, his arch enemy, to challenge him or suffer the ignominy of cowardice, but Loke was a schemer.

He disguised himself as an old woman and, determining to discover the secret of Balder's immunity from death, called upon Freja. He addressed the mother with complimentary remarks upon the valor and good fortune of her son, and the goddess replied that her son was safe from harm, as all the productions of the world had sworn not to injure him. Loke was very much discouraged and was about to go away when Freja added that there was one plant she did not conjure because of its insignificance. With well feigned indifference Loke inquired the name of it, and Freja said it was the mistletoe.

The designing Loke procured a shoot of the mistletoe, made an arrow of it and then sought the assembly of the gods. There he met the blind Heda and concluded that the humiliation of Balder's family would be more complete if Balder should be killed by a sightless god. So he asked Heda, "Why do you not contend with the arrows of Balder?" Heda replied that he was blind and unsupplied with arrows, whereupon Loke gave him the mistletoe arrow and said, "Balder is in front of thee." Heda shot, and Balder fell pierced and slain.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

WHEN WAS THE CHRIST CHILD BORN?

IT is not generally known that there is a grave question as to the actual date of Christ's birth.

For many centuries we have celebrated Christmas on Dec. 25 and have not troubled ourselves with chronological inquiries. That course is no doubt reasonable and proper, for the churches have sanctioned it.

As a matter of fact, few modern theologians and chronologists agree as to the date of the birth of the Saviour. What most of them agree in, however, is that it did not occur on Dec. 25.

A point on which there is still more unanimity is that Christ was not born in the year which we call 1 A. D. He was born at least four years earlier.

The present method of counting the years was introduced by the Roman abbot Dionysius Exiguus in the sixth century and came into general use two centuries later, during the reign of Charlemagne. He placed the Nativity on Dec. 25, 754, A. U. C.—i. e., after the founding of Rome. Nearly all chronologists agree that he was wrong by about four years. Christ, according to them, was born 750 A. U. C., or 4 B. C., if not earlier.

Much evidence is offered in support of this. According to Matthew ii, 1, Christ was born in the days of King Herod I. or the Great, who died, according to Josephus, at Jericho A. U. C. 750, just before the Passover. This date has been verified by the astronomical calculations of the eclipse of the moon, which took place on March 13 in the year 750 A. U. C., a few days before Herod's death.

Allowing two months or more for the events between the birth of Christ and the murder of the innocents by Herod, the nativity must be put back at least to February or January, 750 A. U. C. or 4 B. C.

The star which guided the wise men has been brought into service in the attempt to fix the birth of Christ with scientific accuracy. Between 1603 and 1604 the great astronomer Kepler observed a conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn, which was made more luminous by the addition of Mars in the month of March, 1604. In the autumn of the same year he observed near the planets Saturn, Jupiter and Mars a new fixed star of uncommon brilliancy.

It was blazing and glittering "like the most beautiful and glorious torch ever seen when driven by a strong wind" and seemed to Kepler an "exceedingly wonderful work of God."

He thought that this phenomenon might lead to the determination of the date of Christ's birth. By careful calculation he ascertained that a similar conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn, with the later addition of Mars and probably some extraordinary star, took place repeatedly between the years 747 and 748 A. U. C.

THE CHRIST CHILD.

The discovery of Kepler was almost forgotten until the nineteenth century, when it was independently confirmed by several eminent astronomers, among them Schubert of St. Petersburg, Ideler and Bencke of Berlin and Pritchard of London.

The majority of theologians agree that the date of Christ's birth cannot be fixed accurately from the New Testament or from any other source.

A Perfect Christmas.

Let us try to imagine what a scene the world would present if all men the earth around could have and enjoy one perfect Christmas—one day in which the Christmas spirit should manifest itself in every human heart in all its happiest, truest, largest meaning. What a foretaste of the millennium such a day would be! What sorrows would be mitigated, what misery assuaged, what enmities, jealousies, bitternesses, would be buried never to be renewed! Such a Christmas even for one day would be a source of immeasurable blessing to the world. It could not fail to break the crust of human selfishness beyond restoration and set many springs of kindness and good will flowing, never to cease. While such a Christmas, even for a day, can exist only in the realm of dreams, it is within our power to make each recurring Christmas measurably like it by translating our wishes into deeds, by making the best of our means and opportunities to make life a little brighter and a little sweeter for those around us and a little nearer like the life we could truly wish for all mankind.—Leslie's Weekly.

The Usual Result.

"What do you want for Christmas this year, John?" asked his wife.

"I don't know," he replied.

"All right," she said. "I'll get you something for the house."

WANTS

Advertisements are inserted in this column at the rate of three lines (18 words) three days for 25 cents. For ads larger than three lines one cent extra will be charged for each word in excess of 18. Cash must accompany order for these small amounts.

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TEN DAYS OF COURT

ADJOURNED TERM TO BE HELD COMMENCING THURSDAY.

BIG CASES TO BE TRIED

James Lane and Charles Robinet to Answer to Grave Charges—Police Judge Muddle to Be Cleared.

A special term of circuit court will be called Thursday with Judge W. C. Ellison on the bench. The term is to last ten days, and all cases left over from the November term will be disposed of at this time.

On Thursday two important criminal cases are to come up. James Lane, who is charged with assault with intent to kill, and Charles Robinett, charged with carnal knowledge, are set for tomorrow. Next Wednesday two automobile cases will come up. They are A. O. Mason and Charles Moore, charged with speeding in the city. These cases were tried in the city and the defendants fined, but they took an appeal to the circuit court.

On Thursday, December 19, the divorce case of James A. Glover vs. Minnie Glover is to come up. Also on this day many cases against Joseph Younger and the Elmo Improvement compayn are scheduled.

Friday, December 20, the case of Judge J. W. Morris against the city will be disposed of. Mr. Morris claims he was legally elected police judge at the last city election, and that the city should issue him his commission.

Nearly all of the cases that will come up at this term will be jury cases.

SUES FOR DIVORCE.

Mrs. J. M. Edwards of Clearmont Claimed Abandonment and Non-Support.

A divorce suit was filed Wednesday by Attorney George Pat Wright for Mrs. Eva A. Edwards against James M. Edwards. They were married in this county May 5, 1890, and lived together until March, 1909, when, according to the petition, the defendant abandoned the plaintiff and has refused and failed to support her. The petition also alleges that defendant frequently abused the plaintiff. A decree of divorce and the custody of one child, Emma, aged 11, is asked for.

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DISCUSSED MANY THINGS.

Club in Favor of Telephone Merger, the White Way, and Want a May Festival Here.

At the regular meeting of the Commercial club held Tuesday evening at the club rooms, a large number of members were present to attend the club dinner and also the business session. The affair was a "looking forward" meeting.

Each member present at the club was called upon to talk a few minutes on what the club should do in the next year.

The telephone merger of the Bell company by the Hanamo company was approved by the club. On the petition circulated among the subscribers of both phones 650 have signed and are in favor of the merger.

Prof. Landon spoke of a May festival concert that Maryville should have next year. A committee will be appointed soon to look into this matter.

The Polk township bond issue was talked of and the club is in favor of the issue. Many arguments were presented why the bond issue should carry. The agricultural association was praised for the work they had done, and also for the work being done to have good roads in Polk.

The proposed white way for Maryville was talked of by many members, and it was the unanimous opinion that the city should have one.

TUORNAMENT ENDS IN TIE.

M.-L's and Toggeries Finish First in Normal Basket Ball Tournament.

When the Toggeries defeated the Berney Harris team Tuesday evening in the final game of the school tournament they crept up into a tie for first place with the Montgomery-Lyles. Both the leading teams have won 10 and lost 4 games, which gives them a percentage of .714.

A game will be played some time this week between the two top-notchers to decide the champions of the tournament.

In the second game Tuesday evening the Bee Hives won from the Bull Mooses by a count of 11 to 8. A great deal of the credit for the victory is due Capt. McClintock, who was sufficiently recovered from his injury to participate in the final game. The win pulled the Hives out of the cellar—that is, they are not alone now, as the Berney Harris five are sharing are underground championship with the shoe men. Here's the final standing of the teams:

	Won.	Lost.	Pr.ct
Montgomery-Lyles	10	4	.714
Toggeries	10	4	.714
Bull Mooses	7	7	.500
Montgomery Shoe Co.	6	8	.428
Berney Harrises	4	8	.333
Bee Hives	4	8	.333

FIRE WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Four Rooms of the Residence of Mrs. Cora Trullinger, on South Fillmore Caught Fire.

The eight-room residence of Mrs. Cora Trullinger, on South Fillmore street, was discovered on fire Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock by neighbors. Before the fire department arrived the fire had gained such headway that only two of the four rooms in flames could be saved. The kitchen and dining room with contents burned completely, while the living room and one bed room were badly burned on the interior, and the roof on each room burned off. The furniture from these two rooms was saved by being removed to the other portion of the house.

It is not know how the fire started, but it is supposed to have started in the kitchen. Mrs. Trullinger, who is engaged in business with her brother, Charles Childress of the Childress department store, came down town about 8:30 o'clock, and three students, Misses Helen and Mildred Walmsley and George Walmsley, who had rooms with her, left the house for school about 8 o'clock, and everything was all right at that time so far as they knew.

Mrs. Trullinger was unable to estimate her loss Wednesday afternoon. She carried an insurance policy of $500 on the house.

Married by Rev. Cox.

A marriage license was issued Wednesday to Otto Blake and Nora Harmon of Graham. They were married in Maryville this afternoon at the Linville hotel by Rev. G. A. Cox.

Mrs. Hannah Garten, who has been visiting for several weeks with the families of E. H. and G. P. Bainum and Shell and Art Garten, went to Pickering Wednesday to visit Stant Garten and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nicholas of Burlington Junction were in Maryville on business Wednesday.

DISTRICT TOO BIG

FRIENDS OF JUDGE ELLISON SAY HE HAS TOO MUCH WORK.

TO CHANGE BOUNDARIES

Movement Looking to Redistricting Judicial Circuits Started—Add Another County to Buchanan.

A movement has been started looking to the reorganization of several of the judicial circuits of Northwest Missouri, and the sixth circuit (Buchanan county) promises to be affected by a bill to be introduced in the legislature this winter by friends of Judge W. C. Ellison of Maryville, judge of the fourth district, who contend that his territory is too large and that he has more work than he can do, says the St. Joseph News-Press.

Judge Ellison's circuit embraces Nodaway, Gentry, Worth, Atchison and Holt counties. The fifth circuit (Judge A. D. Burnes of Platte City) comprises Platte, Clinton, DeKalb and Andrew counties. Buchanan county alone comprises the sixth circuit. One of the plans of reorganization is to increase the sixth circuit by the addition of Platte county, to include Nodaway, Gentry and Worth counties in one district, say the fourth, and to let Atchison, Holt, Andrew, Clinton and DeKalb counties comprise the fifth circuit.

Advocates of this project argue that it should meet the approval of Buchanan county, since it would enable the addition of a third division of the circuit court at St. Joseph without straining a point. There is hardly enough business there now, they contend, to warrant a third division, but with Platte county added there would be no question as to the need of another division. The congestion of Judge Ellison's district would then be relieved and the fifth district, which now bounds Buchanan county on three sides, would be more compact and all parts of it more readily accessible.

It is pointed out that some thirty years ago Buchanan and DeKalb counties were in a circuit to themselves, which furnishes a precedent for the proposed change. Another argument, which, it is thought will appeal to the Democrats, is that, with the addition of Platte, with its 2,500 normal Democratic majority, the sixth circuit would be made overwhelmingly Democratic, and so would not be expected to go Republican even in landslide years, like that of 1904.

Judge Burnes' district, however (the fifth), might not fare so well under this arrangement, since Andrew and Holt counties are normally Republican, and Atchison is about a standoff. Platte county, with its strong Democratic majority, usually could be counted on to overcome the Republican lead in Andrew; while in Judge Ellison's district the Republican majorities of Atchison and Holt nearly always were absorbed by the big Democratic vote of Nodaway, Gentry and Worth. However, supporters of the bill contend that there must be a change, since Judge Burnes' district is as much too small as Judge Ellison's is too large. And Buchanan county is counted on to acquiesce in the interest of the third division.

Short Funeral Services Held.

A short and impressive funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon at Price & McNeal's undertaking parlors over the body of Mrs. Abby McGeehee, who died Monday night at her home, on East Second street. The body was shipped Tuesday afternoon to Hannibal, Mo., where the funeral will be held Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. R. Carter, pastor of the A. M. E. church of this city.

Mrs. Sarah Wilson of Guilford came to Maryville Wednesday to visit her daughter, Miss Rose Wilson.

Mrs. A. Sowder of Pickering was a Maryville business visitor Wednesday.

EVERYONE PLEASED

LONGWORTH'S FAMILY REUNITED AS RESULT OF ELECTION.

20,000 MORE JOBS SAVED

Navy Department Employes on Civil Service List—Hadley Takes Kindly to Idea of Being Moses.

(By W. C. Van Cleve.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—The present session of congress will mark the final disintegration of an old and distinguished family. It is like the last hours of a home circle communing about the open hearth before the breaking up.

Many of the Republican notables were swept out in the Democratic landslide of two years ago, and most of those remaining are scheduled to go with the close of the present congress. The familiar face of Uncle Joe Cannon, for instance, will no longer be seen in the capitol corridors.

When General Bingham of Philadelphia died last summer Uncle Joe became patriarch of the flock because of his thirty-six years of congressional service, and no man will be so generally missed. He enjoys a great personal popularity. A few years ago when, as speaker, he ruled the house with an iron heel, he was denounced ac a czar and a despot and several more things, most of which he admitted, but he made bold to say that his was a party and not a personal despotism. When the fight against his authority raged about him in tumult, he calmly announced that he was simply the exponent of a party principle and the agent of a party clothed with authority to execute its will. He defied his critics on the floor of the house with the statement that, as the creature of the house, he could be unhorsed and relieved of power in ten minutes whenever the membership so willed. The membership at that time did not so will, but the voters of the country caught the idea and Mr. Speaker Cannon lost his gavel and became merely "the gentleman from Illinois," a high private in a small minority. His quaint humor, his blunt candor and his many sterling qualities have secured for him, in spite of it all, a degree of personal popularity enjoyed by few.

The Honorable Nicholas Longworth of Ohio is, for obvious reasons, another conspicuous character who has been called back to private life. He is conspicuous personally because he has perhaps more vacant space on the top of his head than any member of the house, and was chosen a year ago to represent the bald heads in a debate on the desirability of hair. He first attracted general attentfon when he married Miss Alice Roosevelt, she of the cut glass heeled slippers and various distinguishing idiosyncrasies, and became the son-in-law of a president. His greatest struggle has been to outgrow that simple distinction and show himself to be a man on his own account. It may be said to his credit that he has succeeded, though that fact cost him his seat in congress. Longworth is another good natured fellow and he takes his defeat in good humor. He says that, in fact, he has more reasons than ever to be satisfied and happy. He was in a most trying position during the campaign. He desired to be regular and took no part against Taft. His father-in-law had a Bull Moose candidate brought out against him. His mother was strong for Taft, his wife was for her father, Roosevelt, and the utmost diplomacy was necessary to prevent a general dissolution of family ties. He says he is glad Taft was defeated, because that pleased his wife; he is glad Roosevelt was defeated, because that pleased his mother, and his own defeat pleased his father-in-law, and family fellowship is once more restored.

Then there is the long-haired, big-boned Sulloway of New Hampshire. He

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ELECTED OFFICERS.

Medical Society Selected Dr. Wm. Wallis, Jr., as President—Dr. Bell to State Medical Meeting.

At a meeting of the Nodaway County Medical society, held Tuesday afternoon at the Elks club, Dr. Wm. Wallis, Jr., was elected president. The other officers selected were: Dr. F. M. Ryan, vice president, and Dr. A. T. Fisher, secretary. Dr. C. T. Bell was selected as the society delegate to the state medical meeting to be held in St. Louis next May.

BIRTHS EXCEED DEATHS.

Report Issued by Bureau of Vital Statistics for Nodaway County for July, August and September.

According to the report by the bureau of vital statistics for the months of July, August and September of this year, there were 185 births in Nodaway county and 75 deaths. July had only 14 deaths in the county, August 33 and September 28. In July there were 54 births, August 68 and September 63. Diseases of the nervous system were the causes of most of the deaths. There were eight deaths from cancer.

The following record gives the cause and the number of deaths during the quarter for this county:

Typhoid fever, 1; whooping cough, 1; tuberculosis of the lungs, 4; cancer, 8; diabetes, 1; diseases of the nervous system, 6; diseases of heart and circulatory system, 15; pneumonia (broncho-pneumonia, 1; diarrhoea and enteritis (under 2 years of age), 3; acute nephritis and Bright's disease, 10; accidents, 4; suicides, 1; other causes, 20. Total, 75.

POULTRY SHOW NEXT WEEK.

A Large Number of Birds to Be Exhibited and Show Will Be Biggest in Years.

The annual poultry show will be held in Maryville, commencing next Tuesday and lasting the rest of the week. It is not definitely decided where the show will be held, but arrangements are being made to secure the old Maryville Mercantile store rooms for the show.

The poultry show will be the biggest yet given here. A large number have promised that they would exhibit many fine pens.

Three grand trial birds are to be given away during the show. With each paid admission a number will be given, and on Friday night the lucky two numbers will be drawn and they will be given two trial Buff Wyandottes, presented by J. H. Sayler and W. H. Crawford. On Saturday another drawing will be had, and the lucky one will secure a trial Buff Plymouth Rock, offered by Fred P. Robinson.

The admission to the show is 10 cents, and a season ticket can be had for 25 cents.

STRONG SCHEDULE ARRANGED.

Normal Basket Ball Five Has Some Stiff Games to Play in Season Opening Friday Night.

Athletic Director V. I. Moore of the Normal has arranged a strong schedule for the 1912-13 basket ball season. The initial game for the green and white comes next Friday night, when they meet the strong Christian Brothers' college team of St. Joseph on the local floor. The school tournament, which closed Tuesday night, has put the squad in excellent condition for the strenuous season, and now the men are working out daily to perfect their team work. The season's schedule follows:

December 13, Christian Brothers' college at Maryville.

December 20, Tarkio college at Tarkio.

January 10, St. Joseph Central high school at St. Joseph.

January 11, Christian Brothers' college at St. Joseph.

January 17, Missouri Wesleyan college at Cameron.

January 24, Missouri Wesleyan college at Maryville.

January 25, Benton high school at St. Joseph.

February 1, William Jewell at Maryville (conditional).

February 8, Amity college at Maryville.

February 15, Central high at Maryville.

February 22, Tarkio college at Maryville.

February 29, Benton high school at Maryville.

Home From Denver.

Mrs. Ferdinand Townsend has returned from a several weeks' absence in Denver, Col., where she was called by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Henry Bohm, who is now recovered from her illness.

$10,000 MORE TAXES

COUNTY WILL HAVE MORE MONEY TO SPEND NEXT YEAR.

TOTAL IS $283,231.67

Public Service Companies Contribute $27,485, the Rest Coming From Real and Personal Property.

The taxes to be collected this year by the various township collectors of the county and by the county treasurer, who collects the merchants' tax and also the railroad, telegraph and telephone taxes, will amount to $283,231.67, or about $10,000 increase over 1911.

The merchants and manufacturing taxes will amount to $6,447.04. Of this amount, $5,934.76 will go to the county and $512.28 to the state. The valuation of the merchants is $272,269.

The land and personal taxes amount to $249,299.15, $26,815.49 going to the state and $222,483.66 to the county. The valuation of the land, comprising 552,969.30 acres, is $9,094,343. The valuation of the town lots is $1,818,705; the valuation of money, bonds and notes is $1,316,192; and the valuation of all other personal property is $1,849,752.

The railroad and telegraph and telephone companies in the county are assessed at $1,658,584.57, and the total tax amounts to $27,485.48.

HEAT AT NEW BUILDING.

Postoffice Building Being Enclosed so Interior Work Can Be Done During the Winter.

The new postoffice building is being enclosed and heat will be turned on in that building this week. All of the windows have been closed and the roof is nearly on. With heat given by the plant of that building, interior work can be done during the winter months.

The building is scheduled to be completed by April 1.

The Electric Light company is digging a heating main to the new building, so if the government takes this service the light company will be prepared to give it at once. It is said that the government will take the service at a later date.

EASTERN STAR ELECTION.

Public Installation Will Be Held New Year's Eve and Social Will Be Given.

Officers were elected Tuesday night at the meeting of the Easter Star chapter. The installation of the officers elected will be on New Year's eve and will be public. A watch meeting will be held in connection and also a social.

The following officers were elected:
Miss Mabel Hunt, worthy matron.
M. A. Peery, worthy patron.
Miss May Harvey, secretary.
Mrs. N. F. Hopper, treasurer.
Mrs. R. H. Duncan, conductress.
Mrs. Ed Hamlin, assistant conductress.

The following are the appointive officers:
Miss Ella May Noles, Adah.
Mrs. Edna Parcher, Ruth.
Mrs. Robert Craven, Esther.
Miss Nora Louise Ritze, Martha.
Mrs. O. W. Swinford, Electa.
J. C. Combs, warder.
Leroy Johnson, sentinel.
Mrs. Rosanna Stauble, chaplain.
Mrs. J. E. Melvin, marshal.
Mrs. Charles McNeal, organist.

Guest From Colorado.

Simon Hagerty, a prominent railroad man of Sterling, Col., arrived in Maryville Tuesday night on a visit with the families of C. P. McCall and John Heekin. Mr. Hagerty is a nephew of Mrs. McCall and Mrs. Heekin.

Seats are now on sale for Sarah Padden, Empire theater, December 13.

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Premier of Canada, Who Announces Dominion Will Build Three Battleships.

CANADA'S PLAN TOPIC OF HOUR IN ENGLAND

British Politicians Welcome Dominion's Naval Contribution.

London, Dec. 9.—Canada's naval contribution has far overshadowed the eastern war as the topic of the week in England. The politicians and newspapers with very few dissenting voices welcome the Dominion's gift for its own sake and as a memorable step towards consolidating the empire.

Uncertainty exists as to whether the government proposes to receive Canada's ships as an addition to the minimum fleet considered necessary to maintain navy supremacy or as a part of that fleet.

Lord Charles Beresford will ask assurances in the house of commons that the ships constitute an addition to the English program, not part of it.

The only feature of the policy causing uneasiness is the innovation of giving the colonies a place on the committee of imperial defense.

Sickles Fails to Make Accounting.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Efforts on the part of State Comptroller William Sohmer to obtain from General Daniel E. Sickles, U. S. A., retired, an accounting for certain funds paid to him by the state as chairman of the New York monument commission having been unsuccessful, the comptroller has placed the matter in the hands of Attorney General Carmody. The amount unaccounted for, according to the comptroller, is $29,246.44.

To Recognize China Soon.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 11.—The Chinese republic probably will be recognized formally by the United States after the January elections which are to be held in China. This opinion is contained in a letter from Secretary of State Knox, transmitted to the Portland chamber of commerce.

Couple Found Dead at Hotel.

Denver, Dec. 11.—B. C. Johnson and wife were found dead in bed at a hotel with bullet wounds in their heads. The couple who came here recently from Hutchinson, Kan., were last seen alive Saturday. The police believe it is a case of murder and suicide.

SYRUP OF FIGS IS BEST FOR A CHILD.

If Its Little Tongue is Coated, Breath Feverish, Stomach Sour and Bowels Clogged.

Every mother immediately realizes after giving her child delicious Syrup of Figs that this is the ideal laxative and physic for the children. Nothing else regulates the little one's stomach, liver and thirty feet of tender bowels so promptly, besides they dearly love its delightful fig taste.

If your child isn't feeling well; resting nicely; eating regularly and acting naturally it is a sure sign that its little insides need a gentle, thorough cleansing at once.

When cross, irritable, feverish, stomach sour, breath bad or your little one has stomach ache, diarrhoea, sore throat, full of cold, tongue coated, give a teaspoonful of Syrup of Figs and in a few hours all the foul, constipated, clogged up waste, undigested food and sour bile will gently move on and out of its little bowels without nausea, griping or weakness, and you will surely have a well, happy and smiling child again shortly.

With Syrup of Figs you are not drugging your children, being composed entirely of luscious figs, senna and aromatics, it cannot be harmful.

Mothers should always keep Syrup of Figs handy. It is the only stomach, liver and bowel cleanser and regulator needed—a little given today will save a sick child tomorrow.

Full directions for children of all ages and grown-ups plainly printed on the package.

Ask your druggist for the full name, "Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna," prepared by the California Fig Syrup Co. This is the delicious tasting, genuine old reliable. Refuse anything else offered.—Advertisement.

MRS. JOHN T. BRUSH

Baseball Magnate's Widow Who Will Share Big Fortune With Her Two Daughters.

Photo by American Press Association.

BASEBALL CLUB PART OF TRUST ESTATE

Hempstead and Lloyd Will Control the Giants.

Indianapolis, Dec. 11.—The will of John T. Brush, late owner of the New York National League baseball club, disposing of an estate estimated to be worth $1,500,000, was filed for probate.

Aside from personal property bequeathed to members of the family, the greater part of the Brush holdings, including the ball club, is made a trust estate and given into the care of Harry N. Hempstead of Indianapolis, a son-in-law, and N. Ashley Lloyd of Cincinnati. The will provides that these two as trustees of the estate may retain the holdings as long as profitable or they may dispose of them at any time.

The proceeds are to be share alike to all members of the family. Mrs. Brush, the widow, and two daughters, Miss Natalia Brush and Mrs. Eleanor Hempstead.

NO QUOTATIONS IN THE FUTURE

St. Louis Produce Exchange Prohibits Posting of Prices.

PLANS TO AVOID LITIGATION.

St. Louis, Dec. 11.—The St. Louis Fruit and Produce exchange announced that prices would no longer be quoted at the fruit and produce exchange which might be used as a guide for dealers in fixing prices.

Until this week a committee of produce men had arranged for the quotations of sales on a blackboard at the exchange. On dull days, when no fruit or produce were sold at the exchange, these men posted prices just the same.

The committee asserted the quotation of prices was not in violation of the anti-trust laws, because the prices were not fixed and any person could sell for what he wished. The reason for quitting, they said, is to avoid litigation.

Asked about prices quoted on days when there were no sales at the exchange, the committee explained the prices were made up from sales along the street and were all actual sales.

The committee will now pass out of existence. Sales will continue at the exchange, but dealers will have no price list as a reference.

CUDAHY FAMILY REUNITED

Children Returned to Parents After Separation of Three Years.

Kansas City, Dec. 11.—After being legally separated from their parents for nearly three years the four children of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cudahy were turned over to them formally by an order of Judge Slover in the circuit court.

Litigation concerning the Cudahy children has been in the courts most of the time since they were given into the charge of the grandmother, Mrs. Michael Cudahy of Pasadena, following a fight between Mr. Cudahy and Jere S. Lillis, a Kansas City banker, in the Cudahy's home here three years ago, which resulted in a divorce for the Cudahys. Mrs. Cuday had been allowed to visit her children at stated intervals.

Several months ago Mr. and Mrs. Cudahy were remarried quietly here and since then have redoubled their efforts to get back their children.

ROBBERY NOT MOTIVE

Mystery Surrounds Killing of Seeburger at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Dec. 11.—Mystery surrounds the killing of William A. Seeburger, whose body was found on the doorstep of his home at 708 Grauman avenue, this city. Mrs. Seeburger said that she and her husband and daughter attended a theater, returning home about midnight, and that soon afterward her husband left the house on a business errand. An hour later a policeman found Seeburger's body. He had been shot in the back of the head. The members of the Seeburger family said they heard no shot. Robbery was not the motive, as the dead man's diamond ring, watch and money had not been taken.

Blue Eyed Men Matrimonial Risks.

Kansas City, Dec. 11.—Men with blue eyes make the most unreliable husbands, according to statistics announced by E. J. Fleming, superintendent of the Kansas City free legal aid bureau. "During the last year," he said, "we had 323 cases of wife abandonment and non-support to dispose of, and in nearly every instance the offending man had blue eyes. I cannot explain it."

This Man Believed in Matrimony.

Salt Lake, Dec. 11.—Matrimony had a staunch friend in Arson Pratt Arnold, a well-to-do street railway official who died here last week. Not only did Mr. Arnold leave two widows, both wedded to him before polygamy was interdicted by the Mormon church, but his will probated provided that his son, Frank K. Arnold, aged twenty-five, must be married before he shall receive his share of the estate.

Molten Slag Kills Sleeping Laborer.

Salt Lake, Dec. 11.—Molten slag, poured upon William Bruce, a laborer as he lay asleep, resulted in his death in a hospital here. After a vain search for work at Garfield, Utah, and having no money to hire a bed, Bruce lay down among the warm slag at the foot of the American Smelter dump. Toward morning ten tons of the liquid fire rolled down the dump and splashed over the sleeper.

Pioneer Preacher Dead.

Kansas City, Dec. 11.—Rev. Alfred M. Mann, a pioneer Presbyterian minister in Kansas, who preached to cowboys and frontiersmen in dugouts on the plains in the early days, died at his home in Kansas City. He was born in 1837 and was the son of Judge John Mann, at one time a leading jurist of Illinois.

Miner Falls Seven Hundred Feet.

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 11.—Missing a cage as it passed the landing, Rudolph Oehler, a miner, fell 750 feet in a shaft of the Illinois Coal company's mine at Pana and was instantly killed.

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Can fit all ages from 3-years to 12-years at this price.

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"HAS THE OLD GOSPEL RUN OUT?"

Rev. Walter Harman Gave a Powerful Sermon at Christian Church on Tuesday Night.

Rev. Walter Harman, the evangelist at the Christian church revival meeting, preached a fine sermon on "Has the Old Gospel Run Out?" There were two more conversions at the meeting, making 55 to date. Rev. Harman said in part:

"Christ commissioned his apostles to preach the Gospel until the ends of the earth. He never so much as intimated that the time would come when it would become obsolete, and therefore out of date. This Gospel was and still is heaven's ordained power for the salvation of the world. The preacher who neglects to tell the story of the cross, but in its stead condescends to telling death bed, emotional, exciting stories, is prostituting his high and holy calling. He is feeling his hearers on the husks when their souls are famishing for the bread and water of life.

"The Old Jerusalem Gospel consists of three things: Facts to be believed, commands to be obeyed, and promises to be enjoyed. The facts to be believed are the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord. The commands are baptism and the Lord's supper. The promises are the remission of sins, the gift of the Holy Spirit and a home in heaven. No Gospel message is complete unless it contains all these elements.

"Furthermore, if the Old Gospel has run out, what is taking its place? Whom did God choose to vouchsafe a new revelation for the twentieth century? If the spiritual exigency of man remains the same throughout the centuries, then the first century remedy is also the twentieth century remedy."

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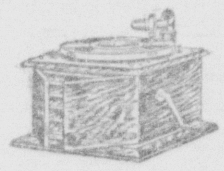
Stop in any time and we'll gladly demonstrate these wonderful instruments and play any music you wish to hear.


Victor-Victrola IV, $15

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LAUDS CLEARING HOUSE SYSTEM

Baltimore Manager Says They Are Beneficial Institutions.

SHOULD NOT BE HAMPERED.

Takes Decided Stand Against Attempts to Regulate Them—A. C. Knox Says Pittsburgh Clearing House Wants to Run His Bank.

Washington, Dec. 10.—A general defense of the clearing house system of banking and a decided stand against government regulation of clearing houses was made by Waldo Newcomer, manager of the Baltimore clearing house, before the house money trust investigating committee

The committee took up the clearing house situation in Baltimore. Representatives of two banks which had been refused conditional membership in the association appeared. Manager Newcomer explained that the banks were not admitted because as conditional members they would not be bound by the rules of the association as to out-of-town check exchange charges and other rates and would be in a position to compete at an advantage with the other members of the association bound by the rules.

In a prolonged discussion with Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the committee, Mr. Newcomer declared that clearing houses throughout the country were beneficial institutions and that any attempt at government regulation would hamper their efforts.

Situation in Pittsburgh.

The committee next took up the financial situation in Pittsburgh. A. C. Knox, vice president of the Mellon National bank of Pittsburgh and brother of Secretary Knox, testifying.

Mr. Knox testified that the Pittsburgh clearing house would like to prescribe rates of interest on deposits, commissions on out-of-town checks for his bank "and generally run our business." He said that if his bank were defeated in the pending lawsuit and barred from the clearing house association it would lose half its business.

Then Mr. Untermyer asked the question which he put to every witness during the day.

"Would you favor a law requiring that a clearing house before closing up a bank by denying it clearances must consult the banking authorities and secure the consent of the state authorities in the case of a state bank and the national authorities in the case of a national bank?"

Mr. Knox said he thought such a law would be beneficial.

Lindbergh Introduces Bill.

Each senator and representative would be called upon to file a statement showing the interest of himself or family in any banking, loaning or brokerage business under a resolution introduced by Representative Lindbergh of Minnesota.

The resolution says the senate committee on finance and house committee on banking and currency have memberships mostly made up of bankers and bankers' lawyers and "controlled by those directly, personally and financially interested in that class of legislation," and that "to greater or less extent many other senators and representatives are similarly interested."

TAFT WILL GO TO PANAMA

President Will Start for the Isthmus in About Ten Days.

Washington, Dec. 10.—President Taft's plans for a trip to Panama advanced to a point where Dec. 19 was tentatively selected as the date of starting. It was understood here that Mr. Taft's intention to visit the isthmus before he goes out of office was influenced partly at least by President Elect Wilson's decision not to do so.

Under the new Panama canal law, the president is charged with the responsibility of putting into effect the new government for the canal zone.

Secretary Meyer of the navy department ordered the new dreadnought Arkansas to be at Key West on Dec 13. One other battleship will accompany the Arkansas on the voyage. It probably will be the Delaware.

Four Negroes Lynched in Alabama.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 10.—News of the lynching of one negro and the reported lynching of three others near Butler, in connection with the finding of the body of B. B. Bush, who was murdered there last Monday, was brought by Sheriff Locke, who arrived here with six negroes brought from Butler for safekeeping and charged with complicity in the crime.

Proposes Probe of Country's Canneries

Washington, Dec. 10.—A general congressional investigation of the canning industry of the country was proposed in a resolution by Representative Allen of Ohio. The resolution sets forth that conditions in certain canneries are "filthy;" that diseased workers are employed in these particular canneries, and also that women and young children are employed under adverse conditions.

Auerbach Is Given a Life Sentence.

Baldwin, Mich., Dec. 10.—O. M. Auerbach of Chicago was sentenced to life imprisonment at Jackson for the murder of his employer, Harry Fisher, former Chicago promoter.

GEN. SICKLES' DAUGHTER

Mrs. Eva Crackenthorpe, Who Arrived From Abroad, Happy Over Reconciliation.

Mrs. Crackenthorpe arrived in New York with her husband, Captain Dayrel E. M. Crackenthorpe, on the same day her parents became reconciled, when her mother paid $5,000 to cancel the judgment against the aged general and thus saved his war relics.

AUSTRIAN WAR HEADS RESIGN THEIR POSTS

Entire Naval Force Is Said to Be Gathering at Pola.

London, Dec. 10.—It was reported at Paris that the entire Austrian fleet had concentrated at Pola, the chief naval station of Austro-Hungary. This and the ministerial changes were among the interesting events in the war situation

No explanation is yet forthcoming of the sudden resignation of the Austro-Hungarian minister of war, General Auffenberg, and the chief of the general staff, General Schemua. They have said their action was due to personal reasons, but coming at such a time as the present it cannot be doubted that it will have a wide political significance.

It had been expected that in event of war General von Hoetzendorff would be appointed chief of staff and his appointment now to succeed General Schemua, coupled with the news of the renewal of the dreibund and that Austria and Hungary have negotiated temporary loans of $50,000,000, cannot but have a disquieting effect on the international situation.

MATCH COMPANY ACCUSED

Big Concern Charged With Violating Child Labor Laws.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 10.—What is declared to be the most far-reaching and the most significant prosecution ever brought under the child labor laws of America were instituted by the state of Wisconsin against the Diamond Match company. Service was secured on the officials of the company's plant at Oshkosh.

The company may be fined an aggregate penalty of $22,400 if found guilty of each of the 224 specific cases against it and assessed the maximum fine on each $100.

According to the papers the company employs a large number of children between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years. It is charged some of these children were permitted to work more than the maximum limit of eight hours a day; that some were permitted to work more than forty-eight hours a week; that some were permitted to work before 7 o'clock in the morning, and that others were permitted to work after 6 o'clock in the evening. The law provides a fine of not less than $25 nor more than $1,000 for each offense.

Alleged Mikers Charged With Forgery

St. Paul, Dec. 10.—Damas Rivard, charged with having been connected with John Carkeek and J. B. Corcoran in an alleged fake race horse "book," was placed on trial in the district court on the specific charge of forgery. The men were indicted on the charge of conducting a swindling game, in which William Schemf, a farmer, is said to have been induced to put up $2,500 as a "sure bet" on a horse race. It is alleged a check for the amount was issued by the promoters.

Protest Against Consolidation.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Telegrams from South Omaha citizens protesting against the order of the postoffice department consolidating the postoffices of South Omaha and Omaha were laid before the department today. It is expected that the consolidation of the offices, if allowed to stand, will be used as an argument with the Nebraska legislature this winter in favor of the consolidation of the two cities under one charter.

It's Better to Be Safe Than Sorry

WHEN you leave your home with $15 or $20 to put into a New Suit or Overcoat, you had better be sure of your store. It pays to go to the right place. We've done our best to make this the right place to get Good Clothes, and though neither we nor anyone can give something for nothing, we believe we can give you more real value at $15 or $20 than any store in town; and one thing you can be sure of—Reliability. You're certain of your money's worth here. Safe in buying anything we recommend. And "It's better to be safe than sorry." We don't want to build your suit to order for $15 to $18. We can't, nor could anyone else give you much for that. But we do want to sell you better clothes than that—ready to put on, and made as they ought be be—and know that when you leave here you'll come again for more some day.

Hart Schaffner & Marx Suits and Overcoats from $18.50 to $25.00; Clothcraft, all wool, from $10 to $18.50, mean satisfied customers.

They are made to satisfy you, and we'd rather sell them to you, knowing you'll like them and say a good word for them and for us, than sell you something on which we could make a larger profit once. Our way pays better in the end.

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YOURS TO PLEASE

Montgomery-Lyle Clothing Co.

First Door North of Nodaway Valley Bank

NINE KILLED BY SNOWSLIDE

Avalanche Sweeps Away Mine Buildings at Cordova, Alaska.

Cordova, Alaska, Dec. 10.—Nine men are believed to have been killed when a snowslide on Copper mountain carried away seven buildings of the Great Northern Development company.

Eleven men were buried under the avalanche and only two have been removed alive. Three are known to be dead and no hope is entertained for six others.

The bodies of John Hart, James McGavock and Frank Wahls have been recovered.

The mine, which is a copper property, is owned by the Great Northern Development company of New York.

NEEDFUL KNOWLEDGE.

Maryville People Should Learn to Detect the Approach of Kidney Disease.

The symptoms of kidney trouble are many. Disordered kidneys often excrete a thick, cloudy, offensive urine, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding. The back may ache, headaches and dizzy spells may occur and the victim is often weighted down by a feeling of languor and fatigue. Neglect these warnings and there is danger. Delay often proves fatal.

You can use no better endorsed kidney remedy than Doan's Kidney Pills Here's Maryville proof of their merit.

Mrs. C. McMonigal, 706 East Second street, Maryville, Mo., says. "I suffered for years from disordered kidneys and at times the pain in my back was so bad that I had to scream. I couldn't rest well and had dizzy spells Since I used Doan's Kidney Pills I have felt better in every way. I can certainly recommend them."

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Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Don't forget the free lecture at auto school. Lecture held in class room corner Sixth and Main, Wednessday, Dec. 11, at 8 o'clock.

FAMILY REUNITED AFTER 28 YEARS

Story of Enoch Arden Revised Up to Date.

EACH HAD REMARRIED TWICE.

Kansas City, Dec. 10.—After a separation of twenty-eight years, the family of James Alee was reunited when he and his wife, Edith Jennie, returned to their home here from Denver, where they were married last week.

The Alees were first married in Atchison and lived together fourteen years. A son and daughter were born to them. After separating, each remarried twice and neither heard from the other until three weeks ago.

Learning recently that his wife was a widow again, Alee wrote to her and they arranged to meet in Denver and forget the past. Lawrence Alee, a thirteen year-old grandson, witnessed their marriage. Mr. Alee served in the Colorado legislature in 1894 and 1896.

ARBITRATION FOR BRESNAHAN

Committee in St. Louis Probably Will Make Decision.

New York, Dec. 10.—The claim of Roger Bresnahan against the St. Louis club for alleged breach of contract probably will be settled by an arbitration committee in St. Louis. This was the tentative decision of the board of directors of the National league at its meeting here. Bresnahan and his attorneys, George T. Priest and Arthur W. Sager of St. Louis, appeared before the board and presented the claim.

The St. Louis club was represented by President James C. Jones, who also is an attorney. After listening to the arguments for and against Bresnahan's claim for four years' salary, the board suggested some sort of peaceful settlement and the attorneys retired for an hour to discuss terms. On their return the tentative arbitration plan was broached and received the sanction of the directors.

Notice to Auto Owners.

On next Wednesday night, Dec. 11, at 8 o'clock, at the auto school, a free lecture will be given on the care of the automobile. This lecture will be entertaining and instructive. All owners are most cordially invited to attend. Ladies invited. School at corner Main and Sixth streets.

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On Visit to Sister.

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For Your Wife or Sweetheart

a box of Nunnelly's Candies,

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We will be pleased to show you this line

EVERYONE PLEASED

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is 73 years old, stands six feet in his pajamas, and for the past eighteen years has been here battling for New England and special privilege. Hill of Connecticut, the chief exponent of an ever increasing tariff, will go back to his cotton mills with most cordial satisfaction to those whom he leaves behind.

There are a number who might well be mentioned, and there will be some interesting characters among the newcomers. The senate will no longer claim the distinction of the only blind member in Senator Gore. Mr. Kirkpatrick, a Democrat, was elected to congress from the Sixth Iowa district, and promises to be a unique member of the house. To quote his own words, "By reason of loss of vision, I am feeling my dependence very much, as my eyes were almost literally shot out by moonshiners—I am carrying over two hundred pieces of lead in my body."

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President Taft is doing all he can to save the standpatters. Following his order placing 50,000 fourth class postmasters under the civil service he has just issued an order placing 20,000 employes of the navy department under the classified list. Several hundred names have also been sent to the senate to fill prospective vacancies in the larger postoffices and various other places. Among these is the name of John H. Bryant to succeed himself as postmaster at Burlington Junction. His term does not expire until the latter part of February. The whole batch has been held up by the Democratic senators temporarily, and it is likely that they will not all get through. Among the number are several nominations to succeed Republican officials who turned Bull Moose and who have been removed.

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Some one last week mentioned Governor Hadley as one of a number who might be selected to lead the Republican party out of its wilderness of woe, and he seems to have taken it as seriously as he did the presidential talk at Chicago. He came on here Saturday and had a meeting of party leaders called with a view to rehabilitating the wreck of the G. O. P., and incidentally of restoring Herbert S. to party favor. It was found, however, that neither the elephant nor the bull moose was willing to give way to the other just yet, and it was decided that a year from now would be time enough to risk a meeting between them.

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The cabinet constructors found time during the week to start a considerable little boom for ex-Governor Folk of Missouri. They were slating him for attorney general. Just what there is to it it is impossible to say at this time, as President-elect Wilson seems to be keeping his own counsel and is making no announcements. It is believed that Governor Folk will stand as close to the new president as any other Missourian.

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An interesting change of sentiment seems to be going on just now in the various departments. There is no preaching being done, and the conditions are just the opposite of a revival, but numerous conversions are reported daily. Hundreds are announcing their enthusiastic approval of everything Democratic who have never been suspected of harboring such sentiments. Most of them are under the civil service, which is a most effective barrier against new material entering, but there has never been a time when the back door was not open to kick out those who were non grata to the powers. They all know how it has worked in the past, and the security felt by those under the favor of the G. O. P. is giving way to nervous anxiety as spring approaches.

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ARKOE.

The meetings at Arkoe are progressing very nicely. Large crowds assemble every evening to hear the excellent music rendered by the choir and hear the gospel preached in its purity by the preacher. Prof. Washburn is certainly the best chorus instructor that has ever been in Arkoe. His songs seem to possess the sweetness of an angel and charms as if it were music from above. Prof. Washburn is somewhat like Ira D. Sankey inhis manner of singing—so earnest, so spirit-filled, so charming that people sit spellbound and listen to the gospel songs. Rev. W. E. Royston brings to the people something new and attractive every evening and presents it with such earnestness and enthusiasm as to hold their full attention. Every one, irrespective of denomination, is invited to come and make this meeting the best meeting Arkoe has ever had.

Mr. Earl Brooks of Savannah visited over Sunday at Mr. Tom Coulter's.

Mr. Tom Duke has been to St. Joseph the past few days having his eyes treated.

Mrs. Carrie Hayward of Kansas City, Mo., is visiting this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wendels.

The ladies of the M. E. church served lunch at the J. Titus sale Tuesday.

Miss Dora Pope, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Pope, is on the sick list this week.

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News of Society and Womens' Clubs

Will Entertain Husbands.

The members of the Penelope club will entertain their husbands Thursday evening with a domino party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed Costello.

Reception to Students.

President and Mrs. Taylor and the faculty of the State Normal will give a reception to the students at the president's home on Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

To Be Married Thursday.

A marriage license was issued Wednesday to Wm. N. Weston and Miss Elise E. Talbott of Graham. The wedding will occur on Thursday at high noon at the home of the bride's parents, Colonel and Mrs. Charles Talbott, near Graham.

Their Golden Wedding Day.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Epperson of this city will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding Saturday, December 14, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Kemp, 133 Lawn avenue. A mistake in the date was made in a previous announcement.

Will See Plays at Tootle's.

Mrs. Will Wallis, Jr., went to St. Joseph Wednesday to spend a few days with friends. Mrs. Wallis will meet four members of the Woodson Stock company that appears this week at the Tootle theater, who were members of the company at the time she played with them a few years ago.

Tuesday Evening Bridge.

Mrs. M. Nusbaum gave a pretty bridge luncheon Tuesday evening in compliment to Mrs. Arthur Nusbaum of Topeka, Kan. The guests included Mrs. Arthur Nusbaum, Mrs. Frank Barmann, Miss Laura Barmann, Mrs. John W. Herren, Mrs. Berney Harris, Mrs. N. C. Covey, Mrs. Will Tool, Mrs. LeGrand Gann, Miss Maud McCluskey.

Christmas Barrel for Orphans' Home.

Alert Rebekah lodge will gather together its usual Christmas offering of canned fruit for the Odd Fellows' orphans home at Liberty, Mo., at its regular meeting Thursday night. A barrel of fruit will be sent, and each member of the lodge is asked to contribute one can of fruit. The committee appointed to pack and ship the fruit is composed of Noah Sipes, John Vert and J. B. Moore.

Gave a Misfit Party.

The members of the I. X. L. club gave a misfit party, with a luncheon to match, Monday night, a surprise to Mrs. J. A. Lorance, one of their number, who soon leaves with her family for Corpus Christi, Texas. It was one of the best times the club has had, and they were so wonderfully arrayed, so much so that each felt that she had spent an evening in a strange land among a strange people.

Her Tenth Birthday.

Mrs. May Clark Denny entertained a number of the friends of her daughter, Hilda, Tuesday evening, to observe her tenth birthday anniversary. Assisting in entertaining and serving the little guests were Miss Georgia Evans, Miss Martha Denny, Miss Amy Clark, Miss Bess Curnutt and Miss Ina Hollowell. The guests were Donald Williams, Evelyn, Laura Margaret and Mabel Raines, Ruth and Gladys Bookman, Martha and Bill Helply, Marie Price, Mabel and Justine Fraser, Lela and Lois Gilbert, Gladys Lowry, Lon Heflin, Eleanor Sawyers, Grace and Margaret Dietz, Sterril Bishop, George Harman and Wesley Hagins.

Will Meet With Mrs. Snoderly.

The January meeting of the Young Ladies' Missionary society of the First M. E. church will be held at the home of Mrs. D. W. Snoderly. The December meeting was held last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. T. L. Wadley, who was assisted in entertaining and serving by Miss Edith Wilson and Mrs. Charles Thorp. The study was led by Mrs. Roy Collins in the absence of the one appointed, Mrs. U. I. Willson, who is on a pleasure trip to Galveston, Texas. Miss Nelle Wray gave the text book review of "The Chinese Women." Interesting papers were read by Mrs. Leslie Dean and Miss Hildred Hanna. There was a large attendance of the membership at this meeting.

Theater Party and Supper.

Miss Carrie Margaret Baker was the hostess of a theater party at the Empire Tuesday night, to see Sarah Bernhardt in "Camille." Miss Baker's guests included Mr. and Mrs. George B. Baker, the faculty of the high school and the members of the senior class, of which she is a member. After the play the party was escorted by their hostess to Reuillard's cafe for supper. The table was beautifully decorated in red carnations, lighted by pink shaded candles. Plates were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Superintendent C. A. Hawkins, Professor Westbrook, Professor Israel, Miss Keeler, Miss Thompson, Miss Ashby, Miss Carpenter, Miss Crawford, Miss Sisson, Miss Hawkins, Miss, Mildred Robinson, Miss Blanche Shipps, Miss Vera Tilson, Miss Hazel Everhart, Miss Helen Helply, Miss Hermione Fisher, Mr. Theodore Robinson, Mr. Robert Brown, Mr. Ed Gray and the hostess.

Will Give a Christmas Party.

The M. I. Circle completed arrangements for its annual Christmas party at its meeting Tuesday afternoon, held at the home of its president, Mrs. W. B. Christy. The party will be given at the home of Mrs. F. M. Martin, January 7, and the Circle will not hold a meeting again until that time. The meeting Tuesday opened with devotional service, conducted by Mrs. A. C. Hopkins, and roll call was responded to by current events. This was the first meeting of the Circle since its federation with the Missouri federation of women's clubs, and the new dignity of its posittion was noticeable in all, showing that the women of the Circle have long been ready for the honor they have accepted, and are wearing it with becoming ease and grace. Mrs. A. C. Gann gave an interesting history of Kaiser Wilhelm, and Mrs. I. W. Nixon a paper of equal interest of the German composers of music. The program closed with a humorous reading entitled "Aunt Cynthia's Persian Cat," by Mrs. A. C. Hopkins, who presented the characters shown in the story in a most creditable manner. Mrs. Vada Halley acted as critic.

Shakespeareans at Elks Club.

All the members, excepting two, of the Shakespearean department of the Twentieth Century club met for study at the Elks club Tuesday afternoon, the guests of Mrs. Berney Harris. There were three visitors, Miss Helen Houston of Nebraska City, Neb., the guest of Miss Alma Nash; Mrs. T. L. Wilderman and Miss Bertha Beal. Miss Della Grems was appointed to take the place of Mrs. W. H. Thompson, recently removed from the city, in the Shakespearean programs for the rest of the year. Roll call was responded to by quotations from act V of Hamlet, the most favored one being "There's a divinity that shapes our ends, rough hew them how we will," An outline of the same act was given by Mrs. J. F. Montgomery, and questions assigned for its study were answered by Miss Clara Sturm, Mrs. Anderson Craig, Miss Esther Shoemaker, Mrs. M. J. Honnold, Miss Grace Langan, Mrs. Frank Shoemaker, Mrs. John Cameron and Mrs. Gallatin Craig. A most thorough and animated discussion of the whole play was led by Mrs. George P. Bellows. The word drill was conducted by Miss Alma Nash, the parliamentary drill by Mrs. E. G. Orear, and current events for the last meeting by Mrs. G. B. Holmes, and current events for Tuesday's meeting by Mrs. Harris. The Shakespeareans will not meet again until January 14, when they will be the guests of Mrs. Frank Shoemaker.

Mrs. Vera Gates and Miss Iva Gates of Elmo were among the Christmas shoppers in Maryville Wednesday.

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MRS. RUSTIN WINS HER SUIT

Kentucky Court of Appeals Upholds Verdict of Jury.

Louisville, Dec. 11.—A legal verdict that Dr. Frederick Rustin of Omaha was murdered by some person unidentified and did not commit suicide was rendered in the Kentucky court of appeals when it held that accident insurance companies in which Rustin held policies must pay. The insurance, with interest, now amounts to about $32,000.

Dr. Rustin was found dying on the porch of his home in Omaha the night of Sept. 2, 1908. Contest over the insurance centered around an alleged suicide pact between Dr. Rustin and an Omaha woman. The suit was tried in Louisville upon agreement of counsel. A jury decided Dr. Rustin did not commit suicide and brought in a verdict in favor of Dr. Rustin's widow.

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You can bring back the natural color of your hair in a few days and forever rid yourself of any dandruff and loose hairs, and make your hair grow strong and beautiful by using Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy. For generations common garden Sage has been used for restoring and preserving the color of the hair; and Sulphur is recognized by Scalp Specialists as being excellent for treatment of hair and scalp troubles.

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Why Christmas Should Be Spent at Home

IT is the fashion nowadays, alas, to cry down Christmas, and it is fast becoming a "can't be bothered with it" sort of day. It is looked upon as a nuisance because Christmastide brings with it a necessary increase of expenditure in the form of tips and presents.

It is becoming more and more the fashion—fashion to be bothered—to take less notice of Christmas and spend it away from home where there will be "plenty of fun."

In the good old days spending Christmas anywhere but at home was never for one moment dreamed of. Preparations were made months beforehand. Geese and turkeys were fattened, plum puddings were made, prospective guests were borne in mind, and the girls of the home fell to thinking of new schemes for decorations. Now, could anything be more delightful than making Christmas plans at least two months beforehand so as to keep the festive season right royally? All this sort of thing kept the family together, for when the winter evenings brought them nearer and nearer to Christmas day it made them see how necessary each one was to the other in the way of helping and suggesting as regards presents for So-and-so, holly for this room and mistletoe for that. Gradually it dawned on every one how dear the home was to all and how still more precious were the parents and children to one another.

When Christmas day did come it was a time of perfect happiness, harmony and satisfaction to every guest and every member of the family. If Christmas is not spent at home what becomes of the family gathering, the delight of decorating, the care and thought the happy mother has expended on the cooking of the dinner and, to crown all, the praise of the Christmas pudding, which by the consent of one and all invariably is "the finest pudding I have ever eaten?" No praise of a Christmas pudding ever comes amiss to a housewife's heart, and if Christmas is not spent at home the dinner will fall flat. There is no family gathering, no noisy, good humored chaff, and there is not that subtle, indefinable something at work which binds the family closer together, heals up old sores, opens up new friendships and wipes away all bitterness, that is so marked a feature in a good, homely Christmas gathering.

There have been more reconciliations, more "divided houses" brought together again, more eyes made dim through a mist of happy tears at some difference or misunderstanding made clear by a Christmas gathering at home than at any other season or place.

Charles Dickens, the novelist of Christmas, who did more for Christmas than any one can ever guess, had had a slight difference with Thackeray. He met him on the steps of his club on Christmas morning, hesitated, then held out his hand, which Thackeray grasped with all the warmth of his great heart. Both men returned to their family gathering at home, feeling better and happier men.

Without a doubt a family gathering at this festive and joyful season knits the bond of love and good fellowship closer than at any other time. Old slights and hurts are forgotten; hard men of business relax and soften at the sight of the children who many a time have drawn out all that is best in them after it has lain dormant for years until they have forgotten they had a tender side to their nature at all. Yes, without a doubt home is the place for Christmas. "Oh, it will be so dull and uninteresting at home!" is often the cry. It will only be dull to those who make it so.

And if there is a vacant chair or two which, alas, can never be refilled dash away the silent tear and be thankful that you are spared to taste the joys of still another homely Christmas. Your example of spending the festive season will most assuredly instill the love of the yearly family gathering into the younger generation, who will emulate your ideas in future years. Posterity will be indebted to you for showing how to keep up a good old Christmas which was suffering from a slump in the twentieth century.

By all means, then, spend Christmas at home, decorate your house, remember the postman, the butcher, the servants and even your wife's or husband's relatives. However poor you are you can be rich in mind, thoughts and cheery words. When you sit down to the table—I don't care whether it groans with turkey and plum pudding laid for twenty or thirty or whether it merely trembles under the weight of much scantier fare and places laid for only three or four—if your heart is in the right place you will say:

"Here's to a happy Christmas. Thank God we are at home!"—Pictorial Magazine.

An After Dirge.

Broke, broke, broke,
Of my hard earned "bones," oh, gee!
But it brings some relief to utter
The thoughts that occur to me.

Oh, well for the beautiful gifts
As they rest in a fair array!
Oh, well for the haunting thought
That intrudes, Does the whole thing pay?

And the giving still goes on
As it has in the years gone by,
But the last of the merry holidays
Brings again the same old cry:

Broke, broke, broke!
Not a single cent, oh, gee!
And the dough that I spent for the Christmas gifts
Will never come back to me.

—Judge.

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NEWS OF SOCIETY AND WOMEN'S CLUBS

Birthday Surprise for Husband.

Mrs. Thomas Humber of Barnard gave a birthday dinner Wednesday in celebration of the sixty-first birthday anniversary of her husband, the affair proving a complete surprise to him. The guests were Dr. and Mrs. M. M. Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stalling, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stalling, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ackey, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Will Rasco, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Westfall, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips.

Organized for Bible Study.

A new class was organized for the Christian church Bible school of Barnard at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Sell of Barnard Tuesday evening. A business and social meeting was held to secure the organization of the class, the name "The Loyal Messengers" being agreed upon. Mrs. George Daniel was chosen as instructor, Mrs. Lou Goforth president, Mrs. Lulu Sell vice president, Mrs. J. R. Strader secretary, Mrs. Frank Alumbaugh treasurer. The members enrolled are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Holliday, Mrs. Frank Alumbaugh, Mrs. Hugh King, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mr. and Mrs. Truman Kellogg, Mr. and Strader, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Melvin, Mr. and Mrs. A. Strader, Mrs. Harve Blagg, Mrs. Walter Campbell, Mrs. Warren Campbell.

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Old Club Man Easily Inveigled Into Telling Favorite Story and Signing Check.

There is a prominent club here, of which the greater number of members are young men; but there is one exception who is noteworthy.

He is well into the 70s, and all his actions, like his personal apearance, point to the past generation. He wears a snowy white mustache of incredible length and his head is crowned with a tangle of white locks.

People who wish to flatter him tell him he resembles Mark Twain.

Like all old men, he has his favorite stories, and never tires of telling them. There are some members of the club who know every story in his repertory. When they see the old man coming they suddenly remember appointments down town.

A group of the most youthful members, whose lack of years and thoughtfulness partly redeems the iniquity of their performance, often play a trick on the old man.

He loves to tell a certain story, of a very rambling character and no particular point. To illustrate the climax of the story the old man must have a bell at his elbow, which at the proper moment, with a dramatic gesture, he strikes forcibly.

He never notices that it is always at a certain psychological moment that this gay young group lead him to their table and insist on the story.

He is flattered and tells the story with great gusto to the applause of his listeners.

Crash! His hand falls upon the little call bell on the table. The story is told.

Just then the waiter summoned by the bell comes. He gravely presents the bill for the drinks to the old man.

Still smiling heartily, he signs the bill and rises with his old-fashioned stateliness.

"Good-night, gentlemen," he says. "I've enjoyed myself immensely!"

And he never suspects the young rogues.—New York Telegram.

Japanese Admire America.

In Japanese hearts America is by far the most favored nation on earth. They regard it as their mother country, even as we are at last coming to regard England. It is in truth the mother of their modern life. Commodore Perry today is enrolled among their national saints, the Fourth of July is observed as one of the chief festivals of the year, and the name of George Washington appeals to the youth of the land as does no other name in all history.—Atlantic Monthly.

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Best Solid White Cabbage 100 lb. lots or over per lb	1¼c
35 lbs. for	50c
15 lbs. for	25c
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doz.	$1.15
Small Sweet June Sifted Peas, can 12c; doz	$1.35
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CHARITY WORKERS CLASH

Fight Effort of Kansas City Woman to Establish New Home.

Des Moines, Dec. 10.—There were appearances that this city would be the battleground of a charitable organization fight of national scope. Mrs. Julia Anna Walter-Baker of Kansas City is the leader on one side of the fight and organized charity in Des Moines is said to be on the other. The whole fight centers around an attempt on the part of Mrs. Baker to establish here the national headquarters for the Home Conserving Association of America. Mrs. Baker has one institution, known as the Joseph Orphans' home, in operation in Kansas City.

The first round of this fight already has been fought here. As a result, Mrs. Baker was prevented from appearing at two concerts with her choir of ten children from the Joseph home.

Mrs. Baker is said to have been given to understand that the presence of the children at the Y. W. C. A. was not desired, and they were taken away. This so it is alleged, was all due to the influence of local persons who are opposed to Mrs. Baker and her work.

SAY ROADS OVERWEIGH

Three Witnesses Testify Before Special Examiner Prouty at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Dec. 10.—W. T. Jones, traffic manager of the John Deere Plow company, testified before Special Examiner Prouty of the interstate commerce commission here that his records showed that weights reported by railroads were as high as 3,000 to 4,000 pounds greater than the actual weights of the contents of the cars.

Jones said it was a waste of time to try to keep freight rates down when overweights are charged. He also testified that when he protested about the overweights the railroads had replied that their weights must be accepted.

Two other witnesses testified that they had been charged for overweights. P. W. Coyle, traffic manager of the Business Men's league, declared the only way to stop overcharges would be to place the weighing in the hands of the government.

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FLYNN IS EASY FOR M'CARTY

Nebraska Boxer Disposes of Fireman in Sixteen Rounds.

DESPERATE FIGHT WITNESSED

Pueblo Pugilist Takes Count of Nine in Tenth and Only Continues Battle by Means of His Staying Power. Fight Stopped in Sixteenth.

Los Angeles, Dec. 11.—Luther McCarty of O'Neill, Neb., won the heavyweight championship elimination contest at Vernon from Jim Flynn, the Pueblo fireman.

The battle ended in the sixteenth round, when, after Flynn had gone down twice and appeared helpless, Referee Eyton stopped the fight and declared McCarty the winner.

Flynn announced his weight at 190 pounds. McCarty weighed in at 205.

McCarty carried the fight to Flynn throughout the first round, and the fireman spat blood as he went to his corner.

McCarty continued to force the fighting in the second and Flynn seemed unable to reach him effectively.

In the tenth, McCarty landed a hard right to the jaw, putting the fireman down for the count of nine.

Badly battered and rushing blindly, Flynn went through the eleventh, rocked repeatedly by the blows that McCarty landed almost at will. The next four rounds went the same way, the Nebraskan having his antagonist at his mercy, but lacking the driving power to stop him.

Flynn seemed almost helpless when at the outset of the sixteenth, he was sent down for the count of nine, and when a moment later a smash to the jaw dropped him for the second time Referee Eyton stopped the fight and declared McCarty the winner.

CHICAGO MAN ABDUCTED

Butter Company Cashier Tosses Satchel and $30,000 Aside When Attacked.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—A carefully staged attempt to kidnap and rob M. J. Wright, cashier of a butter company here, of nearly $30,000 was successful in every way, except getting the money.

Mr. Wright was involved in an altercation with a supposed drunken man, enveloped in a sack, bundled into an automobile, carried swiftly away to a deserted street half a dozen miles distant and released, blindfolded, as the robbers had disappeared by the time he had got the bandage off his eyes.

The only mistake made by the robbers was in not noticing that Mr. Wright tossed his satchel, containing $28,027 in currency and checks, behind a telegraph pole before he was thrown into the automobile.

Wright's telephone message to his office that he had been robbed and a message from the police that the satchel had been recovered were received about the same time.

FAIL TO FREE PRISONER

Gunmen Were in Memphis to Intercept Officers and Diggs Nolen.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 11.—Developments in connection with the bandit raid, in which one man was killed and several prisoners taken, showed that Frank Holloway, bank robber and escaped convict, was in Memphis with his gang to intercept United States marshals en route from Savannah, Ga., to Omaha, Neb., with "Diggs Nolen," accused of misuse of the mails and free Nolen.

Their plans were frustrated, however, when Holloway, Brantley Mitchell, John McCoy and Mrs. John McCoy were arrested by a squad of police who swooped down on the McCoy residence.

Webber Now Says No Plot to Murder

New York, Dec. 11.—"Bridgey" Webber, one of the four informers whose testimony convicted Charles Becker and the four gunmen of the murder of Herman Rosenthal, returned from Havana and issued a statement repudiating in many respects the story he told on the witness stand. He said there was no plot to murder Rosenthal. On the other hand, he said the gunmen went to the Hotel Metropole to frighten the gambler, but two of them got drunk and the fatal shooting resulted.

Gouged Out Their Child's Eyes.

Cerbere, France, Dec. 11.—A man and wife, living in the village of Gave in Catalonia, were caught in the act of gouging out the eyes of their five year-old child, with the object of rendering it more pitiable and thus able to obtain as a beggar more sympathy from the public. The other inhabitants of the village were attracted by the child's screams and when they arrived on the scene found that it had already been blinded and otherwise mutilated. The man and woman were arrested.

Cost of Dispensing Charity Too High.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Having discovered that it costs the county agent at Kensington $480 a month in salaries rent and incidentals to dispense charity and relief to the extent of $180 a month, Alexander A. McCormick, newly installed president of the county board, abolished that office.

EVIDENCE OF MONEY TRUST

Chairman of New York Clearing House Committee on Stand.

FIVE MEN CONTROL TWO BANKS

Cash Attracted to Metropolis When Needed by Farmers—Morgan's Influence Potent—Effect of Magnate's Activity is Basis of Money Inquiry.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The first testimony as to "concentration of money and credit" was heard by the house banking and currency committee in its investigation of the money trust. W. B. Frew, president of the Corn Exchange bank of New York and chairman of the New York clearing house committee, occupied the stand throughout the day, and was put through a grilling examination by Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the committee.

Through Mr. Frew, Mr. Untermyer put into the record evidence of trust agreements by which five men control two of New York's greatest financial institutions—the Bankers' Trust company and the Guarantee Trust company, with aggregate deposits of nearly $400,000,000. The Bankers' Trust, Mr. Frew said, was controlled by H. P. Davidson, George B. Case and Daniel G. Reid; the Guarantee company by H. P. Davidson, George F. Baker and William P. Porter.

These men hold and vote the stock of the companies, except enough to allow a board of directors to qualify, and under the trust agreements have authority over the affairs of the companies, even to the acquisition or merger of other institutions.

Mr. Untermyer then turned to Mr. Frew a description of the method by which money was attracted to New York when small country merchants and farmers demand funds for the moving of crops or the accommodation of their business affairs. Mr. Frew said that the money was needed on the New York Stock exchange for speculative purposes; that country banks kept large sums on deposit in New York, that thus the "home" demand for money became strong, the New York price for money rose, and the New York banks in order to gain the big interest charges put their money out on call loans on the New York Stock exchange. All these loans are based on stock exchange collateral, Mr. Untermyer elicited.

Mr. Untermyer and the witness did not get along well together and often the colloquy between the two repeatedly became heated.

Mr. Frew admitted that the men who composed the voting trust were "associated with Mr. Morgan."

INVESTIGATION IS URGED

Morgan Charged With Blocking Railroad for New England.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Representative O'Shaughnessey, arguing for an investigation of the New Haven-Grand Trunk alleged traffic deal, referred to J. P. Morgan's recent visit to London as a "striking coincidence of the changed attitude of the Grand Trunk officials," and the cessation of work on the Southern New England railroad, which, he said, had been looked upon as a real rival of the New Haven line.

He asked for a complete investigation, not only of the recent exhibition of an ingrained and vicious practice, but of all the transactions on the part of this railroad company (the New Haven) which has given to the people the monstrosity of a waterlogged corporation with a corresponding diminution of effective public service," declared Mr. O'Shaughnessey, addressing the house rules committee.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy declared the new railroad "started its work amid general rejoicing and the fond expectation that a real rival had at last challenged the monopolistic supremacy of the New Haven road.

"The diabolical hand of a monopoly, which brooks no interference, is revealed in an abandoned project on which $1,500,000 had been spent and for which a total expenditure of $4,000,000 had been contracted by way of damages, condemnation suits for involved property and repairs."

Harvester Trust Threatened Him.

St. Paul, Dec. 11.—A. J. Jones, member of an implement firm at Hastings, Neb., testified in the government's suit against the International Harvester company that his firm had been quoting twine to the trade at 11 cents and that the company's general agent objected to the price, insisting that it be put back to 12 cents, or that he (the general agent) would place on sale two carloads of twine at Hastings. Mr. Jones declared that his firm's answer was: "Go to it."

Ministers Appointed Special Officers.

Los Angeles, Dec. 11.—Six clergymen are on the rolls of the police department as special officers. They wear stars and are empowered to make arrests. Their special duties duties are the enforcement of the juvenile laws and the regulation of dance halls. The minister policemen are members of the Juvenile Protective league. They have been commissioned not only to safeguard the young and prevent the exploitation of girls, but to arrest and prosecute parents who neglect their children.

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Cream Caramels, lb	15c
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What gloried green surpasses this,
Whose magic sways the whole wide world,
The rhythmic sweetness of a kiss?

Yet as the winter, weeping, dies
The charm still masters Cupid, so
Whene'er he looks in Psyche's eyes
He sees the mirrored mistletoe.

A CHRISTMAS A LA MODE.

IT was Rose Marie who, marking the day of my last visit on the calendar, made the discovery that I was to belong to father on Christmas day.

This may sound a bit confusing, for most little girls belong equally to their parents, but I, Willette Warrington, don't. Ever since I can remember mother has lived in our nice apartment in Central Park West, and father has lived down in the Fifties, just off the avenue. And I belong to mother year in and year out, excepting three days in each month, and for these three days I belong to father.

When Rose Marie made the discovery that my next visit to Fifty-something street would fall upon the 25th of December she was quite ready to cry her little black eyes out.

Father sent the brougham on the morning of the 24th.

"Billie, Billie, dear!" cried mother, clasping me tightly in her arms when she caught sight of the carriage which was to take me away.

"Don't you want me to go, mother?" I asked a little unsteadily.

"Want you to go!" she cried. Then she hesitated and added, very calm and self possessed: "Of course I always want you with me, Billie, dear but then so does your father want you, and for the next three days you belong to him. So I want you to go."

"But now—and tomorrow Christmas day! Oh, mother, won't I see you tomorrow—won't I see you on Christmas day?" I cried, clinging fast to her pretty gown.

"I'm afraid not, sweetheart," she said gently.

"But I want you—I want you, mother, on Christmas day of all days in the year," I said.

"But don't you want your father, too, Billie, dear?" she asked. "Oh, I know you do—you must! So run along, dear little girl, run—quickly!"

She let me go and pushed me gently from her, and I knew by the smile in her big brown eyes that the tears were very near.

Father was waiting for me on the steps of the Cordova, and when he saw the brougham halt under the marquise and just one little girl step out his face went all a-grin, and he picked me up and kissed me.

"Well, well, well! Where's Rose Marie?" he asked, and then I told him she had stopped at home.

I wish you could see father's rooms in the Cordova. They are ever so nice, with dark walls and gay rugs and big, substantial looking furniture. There's an open fireplace and a huge old settle with no end of red cushons in his den, and it is here we sit of an evening, side by side, and talk until bedtime.

After we had gone up in the elevator to father's apartment he turned to me and asked me about the day's program.

"I'd like to go down to the shops after luncheon," I told him promptly.

"Good! Jolly! And suppose we go down to one of the more quiet of the big hotels and lunch there," he said.

He always does think of the very nicest things! A big hotel downtown!

After luncheon we entered our hansom again and were driven away to one of the big shops, where, as father put it, one can buy everything from a collar button to a steam launch. Rose Marie says men do not like shopping, but, then, Rose Marie doesn't know everything in the world, and father and I had a beautiful time. We bought all sorts of gifts for just everybody, and father didn't look while I selected his present, and I didn't look while he selected mine.

"Now," I said, as we came out of the department store, "I want to buy mother's gift."

"Why, of course," said father hurriedly. "What do you want? Where do you want to go? I'll tell the cabby."

"I haven't decided what to get," I said slowly. "What do you think? Can't you suggest something, father?"

He shook his head. "I'm afraid I can't, Billie," he told me quietly. "Get

"OH, MOTHER," I SHOUTED.

whatever you think your mother will like. I know she will appreciate it all the more if you select it yourself."

He put me in the hansom and, jumping in himself, told the man to drive slowly up the avenue. This would give me time to decide upon the present and where it should be purchased. I was wavering between a set of silver for her Antoinette desk and a pair of green majolica jars for her favorite dwarf pines when our hansom was caught in a block.

Directly abreast of our hansom was another one, ours going north, our neighbor's coming south, and as I turned my head I looked straight into mother's eyes! She was the sole occupant of the south coming cab.

"Mother!" I shouted. "Oh, mother, mother!"

"Billie!" she cried. We had both seen each other together, just as we always see everything together.

"What is the trouble?" began father when he, too, turned his head and looked into mother's lovely eyes.

"How-de-do, Will?" she said softly.

I saw father clinch his hands tightly, then, "How-de-do, Nell?" he returned. "Awful block, isn't it?"

"Oh, very bad!" said mother, but she was looking at me sitting so proudly at father's side, and presently I caught the suspicion of a tear in her eyes. Directly a big lump came in my throat. I saw how it was. Mother was thinking of Christmas and of her little girl, and I was sorry, sorry for her and for father too. The surface cars banged their bells, the policemen shouted and the cabbies swore. And all the while our hansom was jammed tightly next to mother's, and we sat staring straight at each other and saying not a word.

Just then a policeman came up to mother's hansom and shouted to the cabby. It seemed that the left wheel of mother's hansom was locked in the right wheel of another carriage in such a way as to render it unsafe to pull out. The policeman, who of course knew nothing of our affairs, said:

"Step across into the hansom next to you, ma'am. Its wheels are safe, and I'm thinking the line will be moving north first."

Poor mother flushed cruelly and said not a word, but just sat there looking with pleading eyes at father. But father didn't move, and neither did he speak, so I took the situation in my two small hands and said:

"Father, won't you help mother into our cab?"

Directly I spoke to father he was all attention and politeness. He stood up and held out his hand to mother and carefully helped her across into our hansom. I believe mother would never have come only she knew that a great many persons had heard me and were watching us, and so she yielded gracefully, as mother alone can.

When she was in our cab and sitting down with me squeezed in between father and herself, she raised her eyes and said quietly:

"Thank you, Will."

A moment later the line started, slowly moving northward, and our hansom went with the others, father and mother and I were sitting side by side. It seemed so good just to think of it, although I knew it all came of an accident alone.

After we had gone two blocks uptown, father spoke—very quietly and with tightly pressed lips.

"I'll speak to the man and tell him to stop at the next corner. Then I'll get out and you and Billie can have the cab to yourselves."

"There is no need for you to get out, Will," mother told him quickly. "It is I who am the intruder. Have him stop, please, and I will find another hansom."

"I wouldn't have you do that for the world," he returned. "I shall leave you at the next corner; that is settled."

Mother put out her hand and let it rest lightly on father's arm.

"Will," she cried, "please don't make me feel worse than I already do. I was forced in your cab, by accident it is true, but nevertheless, I did allow you to help me enter it. But that was because—people were—watching us—and I thought—it best. Now that we are out of the tangle, I must thank you and ask you to set me down—at once! Else I shall never forgive you."

And they continued to talk, and the hansom continued on its way, and nobody but myself noticed that we had got well uptown and were within two blocks of the apartment building in Central Park West, where mother and I live.

So, quite unobserved, I spoke up the tube to the cabby, and said:

"The Strathmore, and quick, please!"

We turned down a cross street into another, and before one could say "Jack Robinson" we had stopped at the door of the Strathmore.

"Oh!" cried mother.

"What is this?" frowned father.

But he leaped out on the snow covered pavement and gave mother his hand. A moment later we all hurried up the steps and—stopped in the lobby!

"Thank you," said mother. "You are very kind."

Father laughed. "Oh, not at all," he told her. "This is not a case of being kind—exactly."

"Won't you come in—for a little—a cup of tea, perhaps?" asked mother slowly.

I don't know what father would have answered, so I took no chances.

"Do come!" I cried, and looked at mother to further second my invitation.

"Yes, do," she said, without raising her eyes.

"Thanks, I will!" cried father, and we all went up in the elevator together.

When we were safely in mother's pretty sitting room and I had securely locked the door, I slipped away and left them together. Somehow it seemed as if they would get along better without me just then, and, besides, I think I had helped a lot as it was for a mere little girl, don't you?

An hour later—it seemed hours and hours later, although it really wasn't, of course—I went back and found mother in father's arms.

"Oh, won't we have a bully Christmas?" I cried joyfully. "Father and mother and I—what a lovely, lovely time we'll have together!"

"You can wager anything you own that we will," laughed father. "Why, it will be a regular Christmas a la mode, eh, Nell?"

And then he kissed mother, and mother hid her happy face on his broad shoulder, and I was oh, so happy!

Merry Christmas, indeed!—W. Carey Wonderly in Smart Set.

MR. MARDIFIELD'S CHRISTMAS GRANDSON.

"I WONDER who they are!" said old Mr. Mardifield.

He was standing at the window of the breakfast room, looking across the sunny street at an unpretending little cottage.

"Whom do you mean, uncle?" asked Clara Barton, who expected to be her granduncle's heiress.

"Why, those people across the way!"

"Oh, common folks, I dare say. Nobody else would live in that house."

Old Mardifield came to the breakfast table. He sighed softly as he took the cup from Clara's jeweled hand.

"Uncle, dear, you are very silent," said Clara.

"I was only thinking, my dear," said the old gentleman apologetically.

"Only thinking!" Yes, his mind had gone back years along the dusty track of time, and he had been mutely pondering upon what the result would have been had he shaped his course differently in the days that were gone. He had had a son once, of whom he had been proud and fond, and if—

"I would have done anything for him—anything," thought Mardifield swallowing his coffee, "if he would only have been willing to consult my feelings a little. But when he married that western girl it was like drawing a gulf between us, and he knew it. But he's dead now and even on his deathbed he was too proud to send for his old father."

These were the thoughts that were passing through old Mardifield's mind

As the old gentleman was returning from a walk later in the cool sunshine a little fellow hanging over the gate accosted him eagerly.

"Sir, are you Santa Claus?"

"Not that I know of. Why?"

"You are like the picture in my book," said the boy—"a fat old gentleman, with a long white beard and lots of parcels. And my mamma said Santa Claus wouldn't come to our

"MADAM, I AM SANTA CLAUS."

house 'cause we were so poor. And I want a stocking full of toys, like the other boys, and a new sled, and a pair of skates, and I thought if I saw Santa Claus I'd ask him."

Here a soft voice from the window called "Lionel! Lionel!" and the apparition slipped down from the gate and ran away.

"A cunning little rogue!" thought Mardifield. "Santa Claus, eh? An old gentleman with a long white beard—ha! ha! ha! And I might have had just such a chubby rascal of a grandson as that if only—I wonder if they would object to my adopting him! Santa Claus, eh? Well, I believe I will turn Santa Claus for once!"

The stars were shining out, tiny points of gold, through the darkness of the Christmas eve, when Mr. Mardifield knocked at the door of the little cream colored cottage.

"Come in!" a gentle voice called, and Mardifield, groping his way through a semilighted hallway, found himself in the presence of a sweet faced woman in a pillowed chair, her fingers busied in some piece of knitting.

"Madam," said he, bowing courteously, "I am Santa Claus!"

And then he told her the story of how little Lionel had accosted him in the morning.

"You are very kind, sir," said the woman tremulously. "We are poor—so poor. In fact, that the barest necessaries of life are sometimes beyond our reach, and little Lionel's dream of Santa Claus must have gone unrealized if it were not for your thoughtful consideration."

She smiled faintly, with a motion of her white transparent hand toward the chimney, but as Mr. Mardifield turned round to look he started as if smitten by some sudden blow.

"My God!" he gasped, "whose picture is that hanging over the mantel?"

"My husband's portrait, sir."

"Your husband's! Then," and he turned once more to face her, "you are Charley's wife!"

"My husband's name was Charles Mardifield," she answered. Little Lionel, awakened by the loud voice in which the old gentleman had spoken, sat up in his bed, with disheveled curls and big eyes.

"Santa Claus, Santa Claus!" he cried. "Mamma, I knew he'd come!"

"My child," said Mr. Mardifield, lifting the little form in his arms, "Santa Claus has sent you a grandfather."

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RING OF PROMISE

How Girl Kept Secret an Engagement That Was Not an Engagement.

By HORATIO DENTON GERHARDT.

Bart Wilson, at the jewelry counter, looked up in surprise as he heard Daisy Martin ask falteringly:

"What kind of a ring can I buy for five dollars?"

"Not a very good one," he returned, then as her pretty brown eyes filled, he added, "but you might give me that much as a deposit, and pay the rest later."

"I didn't know you ever sold goods that way," Daisy said softly, and for the first time Bart, smarting from a hurt given him by a heartless city girl who had flirted with him during the past couple of months, noticed how lovely the girlish face was.

"I never have," he said smiling, "but it is never too late to change my methods. Don't tell anyone about it, will you?"

"Oh no, no," she cried in alarm, "and you won't tell that I have bought it?" and the tears started in her sweet eyes.

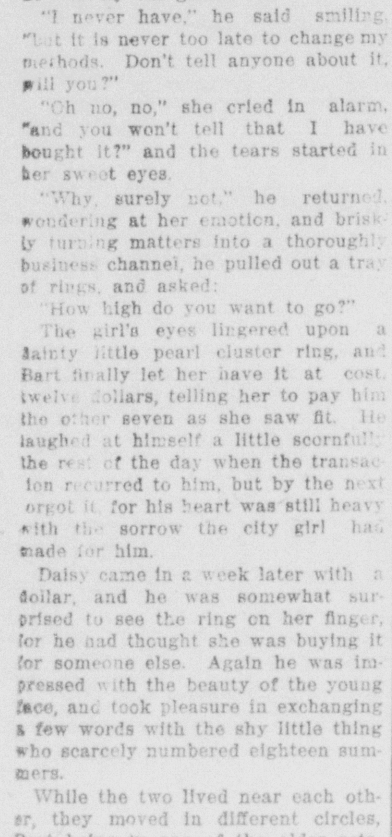
"Why, surely not," he returned, wondering at her emotion, and briskly turning matters into a thoroughly business channel, he pulled out a tray of rings, and asked:

"How high do you want to go?"

The girl's eyes lingered upon a dainty little pearl cluster ring, and Bart finally let her have it at cost, twelve dollars, telling her to pay him the other seven as she saw fit. He laughed at himself a little scornfully the rest of the day when the transaction recurred to him, but by the next forgot it, for his heart was still heavy with the sorrow the city girl had made for him.

Daisy came in a week later with a dollar, and he was somewhat surprised to see the ring on her finger, for he had thought she was buying it for someone else. Again he was impressed with the beauty of the young face, and took pleasure in exchanging a few words with the shy little thing who scarcely numbered eighteen summers.

While the two lived near each other, they moved in different circles, Bart being in one of the older sets, so he did not meet her socially until the charity entertainment at Christmas in which all the young people of the town participated. There was a program made up of local talent, and



"How High Do You Want to Go?"

afterwards a dancing party. Bart, who was very popular, danced with the various belles of the place, but began to notice that Daisy did not seem to be asked, and so he inquired of his partner why so pretty a girl as she seemed to be neglected.

"Oh, I don't know. She just doesn't seem to take, I suppose, and then since the talk about her ring, I guess people think they had better know just who she is going with before they are seen with her."

"What talk?" Bart gasped, skillfully guiding his partner into a recess as the music ended, so she could continue her conversation.

"Why, she has a ring that she says was given her by someone who cares a great deal for her, and who knows her better than anyone else. She won't tell who that someone is, and people are talking," and the girl threw up her head.

Bart looked serious, but said nothing, and excusing himself started to cross the floor, intending to ask Daisy to dance with him. He saw several of the older girls go up to the little figure and evidently say something to her that was not kind in its nature, for Daisy sprung to her feet, her eyes blazing. Then her head drooped and she seemed to wilt as she resumed her seat dejectedly.

In a moment the young man was by her side, asking gently:

"What is it, Daisy?"

The girl turned, her sweet young face changing from white to crimson, and then paling again, but she said nothing.

He turned to the tormentors. "Perhaps you will tell me the trouble."

"A mysterious person has given her a ring, and she won't tell who it is," said the elder of the young women. "We're just curious, that's all."

"Suppose she doesn't tell her secrets," Bart said coldly, "what of it? We all have affairs that we do not tell to the public."

"She can have all she wants to, but she must keep away from the rest of us if she wears things she is ashamed to talk about," said the other young woman, and Bart wondered to himself that a human countenance could be so disagreeable. He looked at the little shrinking figure, and knew that it was a crisis in the girl's life. Innocent of any wrong, she would be branded by these two, jealous of her beauty, in a way that might spoil her whole future. With this realization came the knowledge that into his own wounded heart this gentle, clinging child-woman had crept, and he felt a fierce determination to protect her, even though afterwards she disclaim his statement. Calmly, he took Daisy's little hand, on which appeared the offending ring, and drawing it through his arm said coldly:

"My dear, while I thank you for keeping our engagement a secret, still I think you have gone a little too far. As you have respected my wishes not to have it known until after the first of the year, I'll solve the mystery of this ring, and tell these ladies, and they can spread the news all over town, that you obtained this ring from me," and with these words he swept the astounded girl from the room.

"Get on your wraps," he told her, "and I will take you home," and he waited in the hall, fully conscious of the buzzing tongues inside as the news spread like wildfire.

Daisy kept him waiting but a minute, and he felt a thrill of joy as he saw the light in her brown eyes, timidly raised to his, but he said nothing until they were well clear of the hall, and then asked gently:

"What made you buy the ring, Daisy, dear?"

Choked with sobs, the girl confessed that she had envied the other girls their admirers, and was tired of being teased because she had none of her own.

"The girls say I'm too quiet for the boys to like me, and I thought if I had a pretty ring they would think someone out of town cared for me."

"You poor little thing," he cried, realizing that the very reserve and shyness that had repelled others had made him grow to love her. "I wonder, darling," he whispered, bending his head over hers, and pressing her hand close to his side, "if you are willing to make what I said tonight strictly true?"

Daisy raised her eyes to his. She needed no further words to tell her that she was truly loved, and with a soft cry of joy she replied with a swift glance of her pretty brown eyes. Everyone was in the hall, so Bart did not delay, but gathered her into his arms and covered her soft lips with his own.

Daisy now has a half a dozen very valuable rings, but prizes that little pearl cluster more than any, and she and Bart already have measured another one on her little finger, a plain, broad band, that he is to put on the day she is eighteen, which will also be her bridal day.

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OLD NOTIONS ABOUT HOSIERY

How Stockings and Their Use Figure in Superstitions About Customs and Dreams.

Stockings figure in some curious superstitions touching old customs, especially those connected with marriage. Every one knows that there are actions both lucky and unlucky. Among the former it is commonly held that to put on any article of clothing wrong side out is decidedly a sign of good luck; but it must be done accidentally, and when the mistake is found out no change must be made, else the luck will immediately vanish. The idea is very firmly held about stockings, probably because it is more easy to make such a mistake in putting on a stocking than in donning other garments. It would be hard, indeed, for a woman to put on her dress or a man his coat or vest inside out without noticing what he was doing.

Sometimes folk are to be found who have improved upon the common notion or who have even reversed it.

Another superstition touching the use of hose is connected with dreaming. This is a Scotch notion. If a person be about to sleep in a bed that he or she has never slept in before, the certainty of dreaming can be assured by placing the stocking taken off the right foot under the head. Not only will the sleeper be sure to dream, but the dream will certainly come to pass.

Of the superstitions attached to marriage ceremonies, most people have heard of "throwing the stocking." This rite would hardly be regarded now as consistent with modern notions of decorum, but it was highly popular in former days. The ceremony was performed at the conclusion of the wedding day's festivities by young men and girls seated at the bed foot—the former having the bride's and the latter the groom's stockings—whose object in throwing the hose backward over their heads was to hit, if possible, the head, and especially the nose, of one or other of the newly married couple. A successful shot meant marriage at an early date for the thrower.—Tit-Bits.

None Too Soon.

Perturbed Diner—What on earth is the matter with you this evening, waiter? First you give me the fish, and now you give me the soup.

Waiter (confidentially)—Well, to tell the truth, sir, it was 'igh time you 'ad that fish.—The Sketch.

Christmas Don'ts

Don't leave the cost mark on presents.

Don't let Christmas giving deteriorate into a trade.

Don't let money dominate your Christmas giving.

Don't embarrass yourself by giving more than you can afford.

Don't expect to receive as much as you give, as the odds are on the disappointment.

Don't acquire your Yuletide before the fun of Christmas actually begins. No Christmas is fulfilled when the celebrant is filled full.

Don't be the first to tell a child there is no Santa Claus. If you have to lie about it lie, and lie as attractively as your education will permit.

Don't eat your Christmas dinner in a restaurant if you can find any old home that you may eat it in, for a Christmas dinner in a home is worth two in the bush.

Don't let your Christmas go by without giving some sort of present to a child. The excuse that you know no children will not suffice. You can know plenty of them between now and the day of days.

Don't decide to abstain from giving just because you cannot afford expensive presents. The thoughtfulness of your gift, the interest you take in those to whom you give, are the principal things. The intrinsic value of your gift counts very little.

Don't give things because they are cheap and make a big show for the money. As a rule, it is a dangerous thing to pick up a lot of all sorts of things at bargain sales for Christmas presents. If you do there is always the temptation to make inappropriate gifts.

A CHRISTMAS HYMN.

No tramp of marching armies,
No banners flaming far;
A lamp within a stable,
And in the sky a star.

Their hymns of peace and gladness
To earth the angels brought;
Their "Gloria In Excelsis"
To earth the angels taught

When in the lowly manger
The holy mother maid
In tender adoration
Her Babe of Heaven laid

Born lowly in the darkness,
And none so poor as he,
The little children of the poor
His very own shall be.

No rush of hostile armies,
But lo! the huddling sheep
The angels singing of the Christ
And all the world asleep.

No flame of conquering banners,
No legions sent afar;
A lamp within a stable,
And in the sky a star.

—Margaret E. Sangster in Collier's Weekly.

Sacrifice Is Spirit of Christmas.

A curious thing comes to my mind concerning which I have a word to say, and that is apropos of honesty. No one has a right to give away anything except what may be in excess of the just demands upon the income. The butcher, the baker, the dry goods man, needs his money as surely as does the enthusiastic woman eager to make a pretty gift or the lover to bestow upon his sweetheart what he knows is her heart's desire. Successful Christmas giving should mean self sacrifice, and it is often a greater sacrifice to deny oneself the privilege of expenditure than to do just what one has in mind. I believe that from the nursery days this theory should be inculcated, and, as the coming to this world of our blessed Lord was one great act of sacrifice, so in planning for our Christmas gifts each child in the family should be encouraged to something of self sacrifice in the gathering together of the money for his gifts. I like to picture the old fashioned Virginia home, where round the library table through the fall months the children of the household and the kinsfolk and acquaintances who might be within the doors busied themselves in the preparation of dainty nothings which should carry on Christmas morn the sweet words of loving remembrance. — Julia Holmes Smith, M. D., in Pilgrim.

Baskets of Dainties.

Save the grape baskets to fill with dainties and see what charming Christmas gifts can be made. Line the baskets with dark green tissue paper and fill them with oranges, red apples, nuts, clusters of raisins, figs, dates, grapes and candy. Small glasses of jelly, homemade cookies, individual mince pies or plum puddings add to the value.

To the Cynics.

Christmas comes but once a year.
Do not make a jest of it.
'Tis a season of good cheer
Cynics spoil the zest of it.
Now a respite, brief repose,
Let us make the best of it,
Drown our many weary woes.
Christmas, we are blest of it.

Christmas comes but once a year.
Children love the zest of it.
Now a message glad we hear,
Hearken to behest of it.
Just good will and wishes kind
And your love, the best of it.
If we're poor—well, never mind.
Laugh we will and jest of it.

Christmas comes but once a year.
Money's not the test of it.
Hearts alone can help and cheer.
Christ has made the best of it.
Whatsoever may befall,
Sorrows or the rest of it,
Merry Christmas comes to all,
Even those who jest of it.

New York Times.

CHRISTMAS REUNIONS.

How many families whose members have been dispersed and scattered far and wide in the restless struggles of life are on this day reunited and meet once again in that happy state of companionship and mutual good will which is a source of such pure and unalloyed delight and one so incompatible with the cares and sorrows of the world, that the religious belief of the most civilized nations and the rude traditions of the roughest savages alike number it among the first joys of a future condition of existence provided for the blest and happy! How many old recollections and how many dormant sympathies does Christmas time awaken! — Charles Dickens.

THE LEGEND OF THE MISTLETOE.

THE hanging of the mistletoe at this coming Christmastide invites the usual tour across the mystic, musty pages of the past. This branch of the holiday's decoration treasures within it sweets that to the young people are most tempting. It was the same ten centuries ago, and so it will be for centuries to come.

While their ladyships were waiting
And their lordships were debating
There were other genuflections going on
It is hardly worth while stating
That acoustic osculating
Baptized that British Christmas before dawn.

The sacredness of the mistletoe has always been respected, particularly by the Britons and the Scandinavians. It was a part of the religion of the druids, and they regarded it with the utmost veneration, but restricted their worship of it to the plant when found growing on the oak. The oak was the favorite tree of their divinity. Tutane, which the books say appears to have been the same as the Phoenician god Baal, or the sun, was prayed to under different names by the early pagans. At the period of the winter solstice, which was about Christmas time, a great festival was celebrated in honor of Tutane. When this anniversary arrived the Britons, accompanied by their priests, the druids, went forth with glorious pomp and jollity to gather the mistletoe, which they believed to possess wonderful curative powers. With them they took two white bulls and sometimes human beings to be sacrificed.

Upon finding the oak with the mistletoe clinging to it the chief druid, clad in white, the emblem of purity, ascended the tree and with a golden knife cut the vine. As it fell it was caught in the folds of the robe of another priest. Then the bulls and sometimes the humans were offered to Tutane, and various festivities followed. The mistletoe thus gathered was cut into small portions and distributed among the people, who hung it over the entrances to their dwellings to notify the sylvan deities that they were welcome to shelter during the season of frost and cold.

These rites were retained throughout the Roman dominion in Britain and for a long while under the Jules, Saxons and Angles.

The most beautiful legend regarding the mistletoe and the one from which it derives its mystic powers is of Scandinavian origin. Balder, the god of poetry and eloquence and second son of Odin and Freja, had a dream in which it was intimated that he would be killed in battle. He communicated this dream to his mother, who was very fond of him, and she, to protect him, invoked the powers of nature—fire, earth, air and water—as well as animals and plants and obtained an oath from them that they would do Balder no hurt. With his invulnerability assured, as he thought, he entered the combats of the gods and was very successful in slaying all who came forward to engage him. They struck him with their arrows, but he plucked them out and derided his antagonists as they fell mortally wounded before him.

It was about time for Loke, his arch enemy, to challenge him or suffer the ignominy of cowardice, but Loke was a schemer.

He disguised himself as an old woman and, determining to discover the secret of Balder's immunity from death, called upon Freja. He addressed the mother with complimentary remarks upon the valor and good fortune of her son, and the goddess replied that her son was safe from harm, as all the productions of the world had sworn not to injure him. Loke was very much discouraged and was about to go away when Freja added that there was one plant she did not conjure because of its insignificance. With well feigned indifference Loke inquired the name of it, and Freja said it was the mistletoe.

The designing Loke procured a shoot of the mistletoe, made an arrow of it and then sought the assembly of the gods. There he met the blind Heda and concluded that the humiliation of Balder's family would be more complete if Balder should be killed by a sightless god. So he asked Heda, "Why do you not contend with the arrows of Balder?" Heda replied that he was blind and unsupplied with arrows, whereupon Loke gave him the mistletoe arrow and said, "Balder is in front of thee." Heda shot, and Balder fell pierced and slain.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

WHEN WAS THE CHRIST CHILD BORN?

IT is not generally known that there is a grave question as to the actual date of Christ's birth.

For many centuries we have celebrated Christmas on Dec. 25 and have not troubled ourselves with chronological inquiries. That course is no doubt reasonable and proper, for the churches have sanctioned it.

As a matter of fact, few modern theologians and chronologists agree as to the date of the birth of the Saviour. What most of them agree in, however, is that it did not occur on Dec. 25.

A point on which there is still more unanimity is that Christ was not born in the year which we call 1 A. D. He was born at least four years earlier.

The present method of counting the years was introduced by the Roman abbot Dionysius Exiguus in the sixth century and came into general use two centuries later, during the reign of Charlemagne. He placed the Nativity on Dec. 25, 754, A. U. C.—i. e., after the founding of Rome. Nearly all chronologists agree that he was wrong by about four years. Christ, according to them, was born 750 A. U. C., or 4 B. C., if not earlier.

Much evidence is offered in support of this. According to Matthew ii, 1, Christ was born in the days of King Herod I. or the Great, who died, according to Josephus, at Jericho A. U. C. 750, just before the Passover. This date has been verified by the astronomical calculations of the eclipse of the moon, which took place on March 13 in the year 750 A. U. C., a few days before Herod's death.

Allowing two months or more for the events between the birth of Christ and the murder of the innocents by Herod, the nativity must be put back at least to February or January, 750 A. U. C. or 4 B. C.

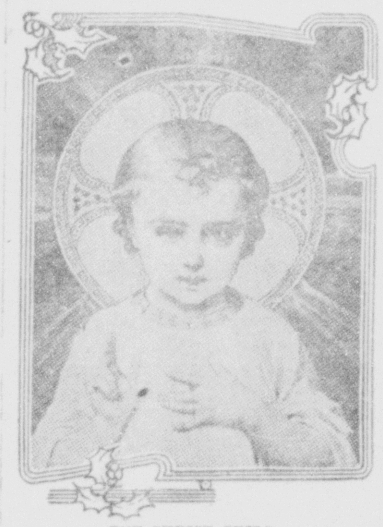
The star which guided the wise men has been brought into service in the attempt to fix the birth of Christ with scientific accuracy. Between 1603 and 1604 the great astronomer Kepler observed a conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn, which was made more luminous by the addition of Mars in the month of March, 1604. In the autumn of the same year he observed near the planets Saturn, Jupiter and Mars a new fixed star of uncommon brilliancy.

It was blazing and glittering "like the most beautiful and glorious torch ever seen when driven by a strong wind" and seemed to Kepler an "exceedingly wonderful work of God."

He thought that this phenomenon might lead to the determination of the date of Christ's birth. By careful calculation he ascertained that a similar conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn, with the later addition of Mars and probably some extraordinary star, took place repeatedly between the years 747 and 748 A. U. C.

The discovery of Kepler was almost forgotten until the nineteenth century, when it was independently confirmed by several eminent astronomers, among them Schubert of St. Petersburg, Ideler and Bencke of Berlin and Pritchard of London.

The majority of theologians agree that the date of Christ's birth cannot be fixed accurately from the New Testament or from any other source.



THE CHRIST CHILD.

A Perfect Christmas.

Let us try to imagine what a scene the world would present if all men the world around could have and enjoy one perfect Christmas—one day in which the Christmas spirit should manifest itself in every human heart in all its happiest, truest, largest meaning. What a foretaste of the millennium such a day would be! What sorrows would be mitigated, what misery assuaged, what enmities, jealousies, bitternesses, would be buried never to be renewed! Such a Christmas even for one day would be a source of immeasurable blessing to the world. It could not fail to break the crust of human selfishness beyond restoration and set many springs of kindness and good will flowing, never to cease. While such a Christmas, even for a day, can exist only in the realm of dreams, it is within our power to make each recurring Christmas measurably like it by translating our wishes into deeds, by making the best of our means and opportunities to make life a little brighter and a little sweeter for those around us and a little nearer like the life we could truly wish for all mankind.—Leslie's Weekly.

The Usual Result.

"What do you want for Christmas this year, John?" asked his wife.

"I don't know," he replied.

"All right," she said. "I'll get you something for the house."

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